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The world is a bundle of hay;
Mankind are the asses who pull;
Each tugs it a different way,
And the greatest of all is John Bull

—BYRON.

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OUR FOOTBALL PRIZES UP AGAIN!

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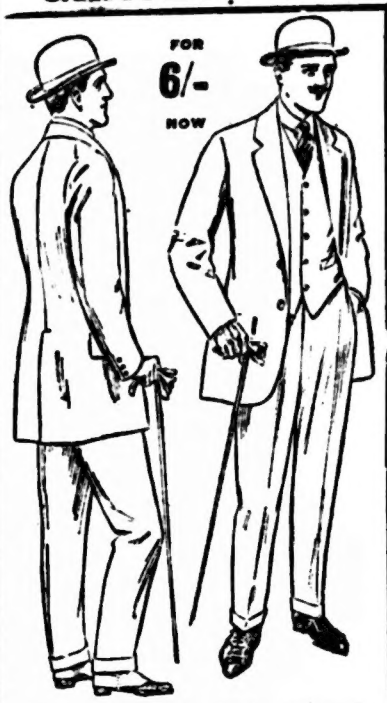

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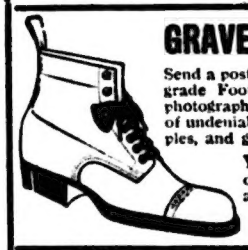

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Derby County	v.	Newcastle United
Bradford City	v.	Burnley
Blackburn Rovers	v.	Manchester United
Everton	v.	Chelsea
W. Bromwich Albion	v.	Bolton Wanderers
Middlesbrough	v.	Aston Villa
Tottenham Hotspur	v.	Sheffield Wednesday
Barnsley	v.	Hull City
Birmingham	v.	Leeds City
Blackpool	v.	Bradford
Bury	v.	Wolverhampton W.
Fulham	v.	Bristol City
Grimsby Town	v.	Clapton Orient
Huddersfield	v.	Leicester Fosse
Lincoln City	v.	Notts County
Bristol Rovers	v.	Exeter City
Merthyr Town	v.	Millwall
Plymouth Argyle	v.	Brighton and Hove
Southampton	v.	Southend
Reading	v.	Northampton
Coventry City	v.	Norwich City

I enter "JOHN BULL" Football Competition in accordance with the rules announced on this page and agree to accept the Editor's published decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

Signed .....

Address .....

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Entrance Forms must be cut, not torn out.

1. On the Entrance Form attached, cross out in ink, by running a pen through the names the teams you think will lose. **IF YOU PREDICT A DRAW CROSS OUT BOTH TEAMS** instead of, as heretofore, not crossing out either team.

2. Having done this, write in ink (typewriting or pencilling will not do) your name and address in the space provided, cut out the Entrance Form and address it to **"John Bull," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.,** mark envelope in top left-hand corner, **Football Competition No. 6,** so as to reach us not later than first post Friday, December 19th.

3. The sum of £1,800 will be paid to the Competitor whose entrance form contains the correct results as published in "The Sporting Life" of all the matches given played to a finish on December 20th. Should it happen that no entrance form be received giving the whole of the correct results a cash prize of £500 will be paid to the Competitor whose coupon shows one error only. If no coupon is received containing one error only then the cash prize of £400 will be paid to the Competitor whose coupon shows only two errors. If neither the £1,800, nor the £500, nor the £400 is won, we shall then in any event award four distinct cash prizes **which must be won,** i.e., £300 to the Competitor sending in the most correct forecasts, whatever the number; £100 to the sender of the next best coupon, and two special mauve coupon prizes, one of £50 to the sender of the most correct forecasts on a mauve coupon taken from MARY BULL, and one of £20 to the next highest correct forecast on a mauve coupon. If the sender of a mauve coupon should win or share the £1,800, £500, £400, £300, or the £100, the two MARY BULL prizes will be awarded to the two next most correct forecasts sent on a mauve coupon. In the event of either the £1,800, £500 or the £400 prize being won, the £300 and the £100 prize will of course not be awarded.

4. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any effort. No correspondence will be entered into, neither will interviews be granted.

5. Any effort on which any alteration has been made will be disqualified.

6. In the event of a tie or ties in this competition, the £1,800, the £500, or the £400, or the contingent prizes of £300 and £100, as well as the special £50 and £20 mauve coupon Prizes, will be equally divided.

7. Our employees are strictly debarred from entering this contest.

THE CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th.

DUPLICATE COUPON.

The following duplicate list of the matches is printed solely for the convenience of competitors desirous of keeping a record of their efforts. It must on no account be sent in, and will not be accepted as proof of forecasts made on the Entrance Form.

Derby County	v.	Newcastle U.	Fulham	v.	Bristol City
Bradford City	v.	Burnley	Grimsby Town	v.	Clapton Orient
Blackburn R.	v.	Manchester U.	Huddersfield	v.	Leicester Fosse
Everton	v.	Chelsea	Lincoln City	v.	Notts County
W. Bromwich	v.	Bolton W.	Bristol Rovers	v.	Exeter City
Middlesbrough	v.	Aston Villa	Merthyr Town	v.	Millwall
Tottenham H	v.	Sheffield W.	Plymouth A.	v.	Brighton & H.
Barnsley	v.	Hull City	Southampton	v.	Southend
Birmingham	v.	Leeds City	Reading	v.	Northampton
Blackpool	v.	Bradford	Coventry City	v.	Norwich City
Bury	v.	Wolverhampton			

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

The Right of Public Meeting.

We regret to see a growing tendency to break up public meetings. The right, within the bounds of ordinary decency, of free speech is one of the surest guarantees for good government—and, however ridiculous a speaker may be, his critics should always bear in mind that they cannot possibly do him a worse turn than by letting him talk.

"Time, Gentlemen, Please!"

Who were the two prominent statesmen—both members of the present Cabinet—who arrived at a certain West End restaurant on a recent Saturday night and were extremely wrath when told that they could not be allowed to remain to finish the meal which they had scarcely commenced? Rumour has it that they have now resolved to oppose any further tightening up of the licensing laws.

The Babbling Bishop.

When *will* the Bishop of London cease talking about matters he does not understand? Being a bachelor, he is always harping upon the subject of sex and parentage; and the other night he surpassed himself, at the Mile End People's Palace, by telling his audience that "men have not yet learnt that that part of their nature which was given to them for the purpose of the propagation of the race should not be exalted as the important part of man's life." What does *he* know about it? "*That* part of man's nature" to which he refers has evidently been denied him; but he need not be so jealous of those more completely formed.

Another League.

Whilst we approve of the objects, we do not like the name of the "National League for Clean Government." There is a flavour of cant and puritanism about the thing. Besides, its objects are all included in the programme of the John Bull League.

Pay, Pay, Pay.

Next year's Naval Estimates will show a substantial increase. If the money is needed—and it is—it must be found, and there's an end of it as far as the average Briton is concerned. We have confidence that the First Lord will rightly interpret a situation which has abated nothing of its difficulty or peril. The *how* is for the Chancellor—may he perform the needful operation deftly, hurting us no more than he can help. But he will soon have to adopt some of our ideas.

Booming "Bullets."

Somebody is in for a good time this Christmas. Not only are we adding turkeys galore to our "Bullet" prizes, but this week we are increasing the first award to £1,000 and the second to £100. The result of this special contest—of which full particulars will be found on page 838—will be announced in our issue dated December 20th. So go in and win!

Water Bibbers, Please Note.

From a recent article by an authority on the treatment of cancer: "One possible cause is the drinking of certain water, which acts adversely on weak, unhealthy constitutions. We note the effect of water on some apple trees, producing, it will be observed, a cancerous growth."

For Ladies Only.

This is the kind of journalism which we have been fighting against for the past seven years. It is an extract from a letter to the *Globe* on the subject of "Woman and the Vote":—

> As to the political power of woman, I fear it will have to be said, *mulier familiæ et caput et finis est*; and as to her marriage, *nuptiæ autem sive matrimonium est viri et mulieris conjunctio, individuam vitæ consuetudinem continens*, both politically and socially.

And to think that "it *will have* to be said"! Well, it is the fault of the Militants, no doubt, that such a fate should wait the sex. Alas, our poor sisters!

Politics in the Wrong Place.

If there is a time and place for everything, a fireworks display in the grounds of the Royal Merchant Seamen's Orphanage at Snaresbrook was not the place where Commander W. H. F. Montanaro, the Governor, should have burned the effigy of Mr. Lloyd George. It is not improbable there are subscribers to the orphanage who would have burned the effigies of Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson with a similar enthusiasm had they known the intention of the Commander to indulge his politics with such blazing indiscretion.

To Our Football Competitors—Read NEW RULE on Football Page.

Reformatory Schools Reform.

The Departmental Committee on Reformatory and Industrial Schools, which our exposures of the Akbar and other scandals brought about, have recommended the formation of a new division of the Home Office, to deal with questions relating to children, particularly reformatory and industrial schools. This sub-department has now been constituted, and will be under the control of Mr. G. A. Aitken, M.V.O. We would sooner have learned of the appointment of some other gentleman not so deeply imbued with the traditions of the Home Office. The fact that Mr. Aitken was the Secretary to the Reformatory and Industrial Schools Departmental Committee in 1895, and a member of the Home Office Committee on Grants to Reformatory and Industrial Schools in 1905, does not impress us favourably, any more than does the knowledge that he is an authority on Steel, Swift, and Defoe, whose works he has edited in his spare moments. We would have preferred a man who was not connected with the Home Office at the time of the great Akbar Whitewashing Scandal. But it is something that the sub-department has been created. We shall make it our business to keep a sharp eye on its proceedings.

Real "Home" Rule.

Whilst Mr. Redmond is backing Dublin against Belfast for wealth and prosperity, Mr. G. W. Russell, the Irish poet, discloses a few facts relating to the underworld of Ireland's capital. Here is one lurid passage :—"There are more than 20,000 families each living in one room. Many of these dens are so horrible, so insanitary, so overrun with vermin, that doctors tell me that the only condition on which a man can purchase sleep is that he is drugged with drink." Pretty reading indeed for the Party politicians, who for more than a century have scrambled for the dry bones of Irish Government—blind and deaf to the clamant needs of her people. Fast chained in economic bondage, these broken ones are powerless to effect their own social redemption. A Government armed with fixed purpose and fired by sympathetic insight is their supreme need. In their hearts, they care little whether it sits at Westminster or on College Green.

A Valiant Knight.

So many thousands of people are baiting Mr. Lloyd George in these days that we rather admire the sporting instinct which brings Sir Herbert Tree to his rescue. "Mr. Lloyd George is a much-abused man," he told his Hampstead Garden City audience, "but he has in him a love of mankind. No politician, you know, can become a gentleman until his propaganda becomes the law of the land." Not many days ago, the Leader of the Opposition described the Chancellor of the Exchequer as a great actor; so perhaps it isn't very surprising, after all, that one actor should support another.

In Church and Out.

How easy it is to take different views of Mr. Lloyd George! How you see him really depends on the window you are looking out of at the time he goes by. One or two mornings after the Bedford oration, for instance, we remember opening our *Times* to read that "his speech was a tissue of misrepresentations, all with some basis of fact, but so distorted and exaggerated as to amount to a series of constructive falsehoods," while when we opened our *Mail* it informed us that "Mr. Lloyd George attended service on Sunday evening at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, North Sunderland, and addressed the congregation on the higher ideals of political life." Funny world, isn't it?

The Servile State.

We are well on the road towards the state of affairs forecasted by Mr. Hilaire Belloc and other discerning writers, when the community will be divided into the two categories of "regulated" bondsmen and myrmidons of the State. Now comes the first list of officials under the Mental Deficiency Act, by which persons of regular and approved habits of mind may secure the compulsory segregation of eccentric friends and relations whose room is deemed preferable to their company. The legal and medical gentlemen appointed to positions under the Act at a tidy salary of £1,500 per annum are but the advance contingent of the horde of officials who will be needed if things are to be managed according to the notions of the pseudo-scientific faddists who have fondly nurtured this ugly duckling of the legislative brood. Were we in the House, we should be disposed to move for a simple return of the number of Government officials of all grades in the United Kingdom at the moment, and of the cost of their keep. The tottering Party system would scarcely survive the publication of the figures.

Parties and Protection.

This from the recent Reading bye-election literature is distinctly good: A Radical leaflet commended the Lloyd George land policy to urban voters in the following terms :—"The result of higher rural wages will be that Reading workers, *protected by law from rural labour*, will be able to get higher wages"! Yet Captain Wilson, who advocated the protection of urban workers from Continental and Yankee competition, was roundly stigmatised by Radical orators as a false economist and an enemy of the wage-earning classes! We take no side in the controversy, believing that, as is generally the case, the truth lies somewhere between the extremes; but it would take "a pair o' patent double million magnifyin' gas microscopes of hextra power" to discern the difference in principle between the rival doctrines. The Party optic, however, is an organ of mighty penetration.

Another Bye-Election Echo.

And here are a few more specimens—taken at random—of Party piffle. Thus, *re* Reading :—*Daily Telegraph :* "Smashing the coalition. Crushing blows from England and Scotland." *Daily News :* "No turn of votes." *Morning Advertiser :* "Reading's message—Government must go." *Daily Chronicle :* "Reading's 68 majority. Increase of 149 in Tory vote." *Daily Mail :* "Ulster and the hated Act. Midnight scenes of frenzied joy." And this *re* Linlithgow :—*Daily Chronicle :* "Linlithgow result—Sixth successive win for Liberalism." *Evening News :* "Government SHAKEN in one of its great Scottish strongholds." Mr. PRATT (the new Linlithgow M.P.) : "Radicalism had held the fort UNSHAKEN, and their opponents would never shake it now. *It was a message to the Government to go on with their Home Rule Bill.*" Mr. KIDD (the Unionist candidate) : "The result was a substantial victory for the Unionist Party. If the Government were susceptible of any warning they had that warning now. *The country would not have Home Rule.*" *What* a game it is!

Who is the Parson?

We have been favoured with a copy of the annual report of the Edinburgh Institution for Unwanted Cats, and we find a very serious statement to the effect that a clergyman buried a cat alive for the amusement of his wife. Will the Secretary of the Home kindly supply us with the name and address of this spiritual guide? We should very much like to investigate the charge, and if found to be correct—well, our whip is ready.

Another Great Football Contest This Week. £1,800 to be Won this Time. See page 831.

A Disgraceful Trap.

Once or twice previously we have had occasion to protest against the disreputable methods employed by inspectors in obtaining convictions under the Shops Act. Another man who seems over eager to earn the approval of the Local Authority is Inspector Balls, of Colchester. Apparently unable to get the woman convicted otherwise—by doing his own espionage for instance—he employed his son to enter at closing time and press a woman who keeps a little shop to supply him with certain goods. This she did, "to oblige him," as she said; the consequence was her appearance in court on a summons for a breach of the Act to which he had procured his son to incite her. If this low cunning is to be admitted as justifiable, what is to prevent a policeman inciting a man to burglary, or arson, or murder, and then arresting him for committing the crime? We say such things ought not to be; that they are an affront to justice, and that instead of convictions being recorded in such cases, the defendants should be dismissed and the inspectors concerned rated by the magistrates with all the vigour they can command.

"Suffocate 'Em."

In the course of a meeting of the Hammersmith Board of Guardians, a gentleman named Gillies "made a comment respecting the inmates" which another member asked to be withdrawn, "as it was a libel on the old men." The reporter of Gillies is reticent on the nature of the remark; but whatever it was, Gillies declined to withdraw and added, "To tell the truth, I would put them all in the lethal chamber." Let us hope that this remarkable method of getting rid of the aged old men in Hammersmith Workhouse will be elaborated by Gillies when he next stands for a seat on the Board. Meanwhile, it is as well to emphasise its salient feature—which is that if the old men won't die of their own accord, Gillies is willing to expedite their departure by chloroforming them into a fairer world than this. By-the-way, is he asking for a salary or offering to do it free, gratis and for nothing?

Saintly Seclusion.

Young Evan Roberts, whose neurotic excesses were the central feature of the "revival" which nine years ago sent half the population of Wales into violent hysterics, has long since passed from the admiring ken of his fervid compatriots. Much broken in health—he was never really sane—the erstwhile prophet of wrath and judgment has found a snug retreat in the Midlands from which all efforts to dislodge him have signally failed. Rapt in spiritual meditation, Roberts has been deaf alike to the claims of his family and the solicitude of friends. Thanks to the superstitious veneration of certain of his devotees, he is said to be free from sordid pecuniary cares; and it is clear that, despite his exalted spirituality, Evan knows when he is on "a soft thing." Rumour suggests that there are those within a league of Leicester town who could unfold a curious tale.

Lodgings to Let.

Here is a business card issued from a lodging house in Regent Square: "The Son of Man hath not where to lay His Head. If Mrs.——'s Bed-sitting rooms had been known in those days the difficulty could not have arisen. N.B.—These Bed-sitting rooms are at——House, Regent Square, Russell Square Tube, W.C. Telephone——, North." We know that Matthew Arnold said that some people spoke of Jesus Christ as familiarly as if He lived in the next street, but this is the first landlady we have heard of who speaks of Him as familiarly as if He paid her a shilling a night for the use of a pillow and mattress. It is shocking bad form, to say the least.

Discovered at Last.

What think you of this? A Mr. W. Dobson, of Reagill, near Shap, in Westmorland, has been paying 7d. a week since the Insurance Act came into force. He is a cripple who has lost the use of both legs and the sight of one eye, and makes a precarious living by breaking stones. To get to his stone heap he has to travel 1½ miles, a distance he is able to cover, with the aid of his crutches, in about 2 hours. Recently this man has received from the Secretary of the Westmorland Insurance Committee an intimation that he is not entitled to medical benefit, as he was 65 prior to July 15th, 1912, it having taken the Committee fifteen months to find this out. Perhaps, if they continue their laborious exploration, they will one of these days come across the case of a one-legged woman, blind in both eyes, deaf in both ears, toothless in both gums, and 116 years of age, who cannot draw any benefit because she started paying in when she was 89. Meantime, Dobson must consider himself discovered.

"Pevensey Protestants."

The parsons of Pevensey are "filled with envy and waxing wrath" to think that £13 should have been collected for November 5th celebrations, but only £4 at the Church for the late mining disaster. "They seem to forget," writes a "Pevensey Guy," "that the former was a house-to-house collection and the other the usual Church collection, and also that fully half of the £13 collected went to give each child in the parish a good blow out of coffee, cake, etc., etc., and, also 'sinful to relate,' a sixpenny packet of fireworks to each. The few Roman candles that were 'wasted' in no way affected the supply at Pevensey Church, and the hymn that the Vicar so strongly objected to was really well rendered by the brass band; and there was nothing blasphemous in it, and no insult was meant to the Pope." We are glad to have this assurance.

"JOHN BULL and the Devil."

Apropos of our recent paragraph under this heading' in which we quoted a letter received from the Rev. Mr. Bull, Curate of St. Luke's, Portsea, we have received a further communication from the rev. gentleman, in which he assures us that, so far from his being the victim of Party obsession, he "does not care for politics, and has never exercised the right to vote." His complaint is that we are "in the habit of speaking of men in responsible public positions, not only disrespectfully, but even with contempt and bitterness." We are afraid we must plead guilty to the grave indictment—but we will, at any rate, receive the castigation with respect, as Mr. Bull informs us that he is "an old man," and that his letter is meant as "a really honest and friendly appeal." We always respect old men; it is the "old women" we cannot stand!

A Real Inquiry.

We cordially endorse the demand for a Special Court of Inquiry into the recent South Wales colliery disaster. In reply to a deputation, Mr. McKenna has intimated a desire to consult the Law Officers of the Crown, and has promised a definite reply at an early date. He must not be permitted to evade the issue. The ordinary machinery of Home Office investigation is inadequate to the tragic immensity of his latest catastrophe. An *ad hoc* tribunal, armed with ample powers and committed to the widest terms of reference, can alone meet the demands of the existing situation in the mining industry. Given a representative body, so composed as to inspire general confidence, two essential provisos remain. Every legitimate interest—not excepting the lowliest—must be adequately represented in its counsels, and its proceedings must be open to the closest public scrutiny.

Please Note. New Football Rule: For "Draws" CROSS OUT BOTH TEAMS.

An Englishman's Home.

To save future trouble, we may as well suggest to Messrs. David Drage and Co., the furniture dealers, of High Holborn, that they should restrain the energies of the men they employ to remove furniture under their hire agreements. "The house of everyone," said the famous Sir Edward Coke, several centuries before Drage and Co. were born or even thought of, "is to him as his castle and fortress, as well for his defence against injury and violence as for his repose." The furniture remover they sent to one of their hire-agreement customers whose furniture they wished, quite justifiably as it seems, to recover, either knew nothing, or cared nothing, for that great dictum—for, unable to get the door opened as quickly as he desired, he smashed a glass panel with his foot. When the customer resented this method of getting into his house, the man "seized him violently by the throat with one hand and tore his vest and scratched his chest with the other." It must be evident to Messrs. Drage that these pleasantries are excessive even in the pursuit of hired furniture on which the instalments are not fully paid. The firm should at once give their men clear instructions, or presently they may have to face the alarming fact that one of them has broken into somebody's house in the dead of night by smashing a window in order to re-annex a bedroom suite and a grand piano, and been shot as a burglar.

Myopic Moralists.

A section of the public appears to be passing through one of those fits of hectic morality upon which Disraeli was wont to expend his mordant humour. A campaign against certain variety shows, headed by a brace of bishops, and vigorously espoused in certain organs of the Press, has afforded a fitting climax to the "silly season" and furnished a merry accompaniment to the jingling teacups of suburban drawing-rooms. Mr. Oswald Stoll has now taken up the cudgels in defence of the Coliseum management and of the "halls" in general, and we are bound to say he has given the critics a substantial Roland for their Oliver. It is largely a matter of a little too much leg or not quite enough bodice, and the pother vividly recalls Mark Twain's shrewd thrust that "to the pure all things are impure." And the curious part of it all is, that the very persons who will rave at a dancer's gesture ("so 'suggestive,' don't you think?") will often listen unmoved to a revolting tale of oppression or wrong. The vision of the men with the muckrakes is painfully oblique.

"Capitalistic Law-Breakers."

Referring once more to this subject, by the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1911, it was enacted that "overwind preventers"—appliances to prevent men being dashed to the pit bottom in the case of accident or overwind on the part of the enginemen in charge of cage apparatus—should be fixed at pits over 100 yards in depth by the beginning of July, 1913. If the Board of Trade were to report the number of collieries where this law has been carried into effect it would probably be found that there were many delinquents. This being so, what steps are the Board taking to enforce the Act?

Devonport asking for Trouble.

Our attention has been drawn to what appears to be a scandal at Devonport. At a certain house in Tavistock Road two children were suffering from scarlet fever, and although the Medical Officer served the usual notice with reference to infectious diseases, they could not be removed owing to lack of hospital accommodation. We are informed that nine other children live in the same house. Surely, Devonport is asking for trouble.

Wanted, Searching Investigation.

By no means are we impressed by the statement of Mr. Arveschoug, the Auditor of the Blyth Old Post Office Building Society, made by him at the meeting of the members held at his office. The deficiency through the defalcations of the late Secretary are admittedly £10,000, and they have probably been carried on for some years. The explanation is that Mr. Nicholson presented bogus receipts for large sums supposed to have been withdrawn by members. "These receipts, presented at the annual audits, had not been questioned, as everybody had an implicit confidence in Mr. Nicholson." The idea of an auditor accepting bogus receipts for alleged heavy withdrawals without question because "everybody" has an implicit confidence in the man who presents them, is an ethic of auditing so novel that we suggest the affairs of the Society, instead of being "wound-up by instrument with Mr. Arveschoug as Liquidator," should be subjected to the most searching investigation by an independent authority. For this purpose, the Society should be compulsorily wound-up by a meeting of the members called to cancel the resolution already arrived at. It is proper that the Directors and Auditor should be examined, with the books and papers of the Society in the hands of an official who will probe all the matters connected with the management and audit of the Society to their appropriate depth.

A Pill and a Bill.

What can be more characteristic of Government departments as we commonly find them than the action of the Board of Education in respect of hundreds of lads removed "from homes in crowded London"—we are quoting from an introduction by the Hon. Director of Barnado's Homes in *Night and Day*—"to the beautiful and healthy surroundings of the Boys' Garden City at Woodford Bridge"? These boys are sent to the public elementary schools, where many of them are at the top of their class. "Yet the Essex Education Authority absolutely refused to educate these boys in their schools until we had promised to pay £1 5s. per boy per annum," says Mr. Barker, and in this monstrous exaction the Board support the Council. We suppose the Essex County Council and the Education Department have something more than official pig-headedness to justify their action, which in a country boasting "free education" has all the appearance of outrageous blackmail of an institution which is doing, and has been doing for years, a splendid philanthropic work among the outcast children of the slums. Where is the legality? This is courteously to inform Mr. J. A. Pease, the Education Minister, that an answer will oblige.

Stage Sedition.

To shout sedition is the political vogue of the moment, and we are not in the least surprised to find Mr. Bernard Shaw among its devotees. This kid-glove proletarian opines that it may soon be necessary for respectable people to arm themselves against the police, and he recently evoked cheers from an excited audience by the suggestion that his hearers should arm themselves, not with stones or bottles—perish the thought—but with "something that would put a decisive stop to the proceedings of the police." Bernard is avowedly "trailing his coat" in the hope that the Government may give him the grand free advertisement of prosecution for sedition. "I should rather like an opportunity of explaining what I mean by it," he declares. Of course he would. A full dress Old Bailey trial, with himself in the dock, explaining to mystified judge and jury that he meant just nothing at all, would be the beau ideal of a Shavian jest. But we really cannot afford the time or the money. Let him put it in a play.

Now turn to page iv. of our cover—Particulars of Something You MUST Have.

"Gentlemen, The King!"

Surely not without significance is the fact that when Mr. C. G. Webber, Labour M.P. for Abbotsford, in Victoria, was recently elected Mayor of Richmond he gave a banquet at which the toast of "The King" was omitted. "Webber," says an Australian newspaper, "afterwards stated that he regarded the toast as superfluous, as he was a republican and not a believer in monarchs." *Tout au contraire*, the vast majority of Englishmen are loyalists and don't believe in Webber. Whether that is true of the vast majority of Australians is, however, not a proposition we should be prepared to make with any certainty of being able to prove it. There are a great many more Webbers in Australia than Englishmen dream of, though they don't all focus the limelight on themselves by so ostentatious and offensive a public display of their disloyalty.

Our Ancestors.

Apparently the belief in the theory of evolution is not confined to the so-called civilized races of mankind. Mr. W. N. Beaver, Resident Magistrate in the Western Division of New Guinea, has discovered a tribe inhabiting a place called Girara, who claim descent from a dog. We have a higher admiration for the dog than the monkey, and would rather believe that our ancestors barked and hunted and wagged their tails through life, than spent their days engaged in mutual entomological investigation.

The Week's "Chestnut."

OLD LADY (*at Paddington Station, gazing at express train marked "Reading and Bath"*); "My word, what improvements they have on trains nowadays. I can understand reading, but fancy a bath as well!"

RHYMES OF THE TIMES.

THE "DEATH OR GLORY" GIRLS.

[*An army of suffragists is being formed, under the command of Sir Francis Vane.*]

We are the girls of the new brigade,
Who've none of us been a bride,
Because all the bachelors seem afraid
To walk with us side by side:
We are ready, and undismayed
At thoughts of the nuptial knot,
But since our tempers we've displayed,
The bachelors are NOT.

CHORUS:

So steadily, shoulder to shoulder,
Steadily, blade by blade,
Heady and wrong, marching along,
The girls of the new brigade!

[*Repeat, if once isn't enough.*—AUTHOR.]

We are the girls of the new brigade,
And a pretty fine crew we are,
In green and purple and white arrayed,
Like a stall at a church bazaar:
Hair dishevelled, and loosely stayed,
Ready to meet the foe—
Thirty shillings a week we get
Whenever to quod we go!

CHORUS:

Then steadily, shoulder to shoulder,
Steadily, hip by hip,
Wait till we see the enemy—
Lawks! won't we give them gip!
So steadily, shoulder to shoulder,
Steadily, maid by—er—maid,
Heady and wrong, marching along,
The girls of the new brigade!

"John Bull's" Biscuits.

[*"Taking the Biscuit" has become a classic phrase, expressive of a satirical reward or recognition. In this column we present, in all good humour, the token to such of our contemporaries and others as may have distinguished themselves by some unconventional utterance or act.*]

For advertising: "*Come in your* THOUSANDS. *Our hall holds 900.*"

THE MANAGER OF THE PICTURE COLISEUM,
High Street North, East Ham,
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For announcing in the "Forest Hill, Sydenham and Penge Examiner": "*One large Room, unfurnished, rent 2s. 6d. Also one large* CUPBOARD, *suitable for* BUSINESS LADY,"

THE ADVERTISER
(11, Waldenshaw Road, Forest Hill)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating (according to the "Dudley Herald") in proposing the election of Mr. Councillor Lloyd as Mayor of Dudley, that this gentleman "can claim to be no stranger, and he has also been born and bred in our midst, and NO MAN IS BETTER KNOWN TO THE POLICE,"

MR. COUNCILLOR ADSHEAD
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating in its report of the result of a recent bye-election that: "The Unionist had a good supply of MOTOR-CARS, *and the* GREATEST ENTHUSIASM WAS SHOWN BY THEM,"

THE MORNING ADVERTISER
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating in an advertisement of some face powder that: "A Countess renowned for her beauty has NEVER PUT ANYTHING ELSE ON FOR YEARS, *and is* NOT ASHAMED *to admit it,"*

THE PROPRIETORS OF POUDRE ST. LEONARDS
(115, Newgate Street, E.C.)
TAKE THE BISCUIT.

For stating that: "The Durham Handicap brought out ONLY SIX WINNERS,"

THE LEEDS MERCURY
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating (according to the "Bournemouth Visitors' Directory"), in giving his decision in a recent Workmen's Compensation claim, that the man "was UNABLE TO DO WHAT HE DID,"

HIS HONOUR JUDGE ARTHUR O'CONNOR, K.C.,
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating in an article on the labour crisis in Manchester that the men "are awaiting events, the CLEAR *weather of the past few days having tended to* OBSCURE *the gravity of the situation,"*

THE DAILY DISPATCH
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating in a story published in the "Evening News," that one of the characters "DRANK *a glass of brandy without protest and* THEN *lifted her veil,"*

MR. MAX PEMBERTON
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For publishing the following advertisement: "Found at Counter of Water Company's Offices, a purse containing coin. FINDER *can have same on giving description,"*

THE SUNDERLAND DAILY ECHO
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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LARKIN!

A REPLY—A REBUKE—AND A CHALLENGE.

A few more words about Jim Larkin. Perhaps we were wrong, last week, in calling him "lunatic," which, after all, is an offensive term. Besides, we are all more or less mad—that is to say, all of us who trouble about other people's affairs, instead of sitting at home drinking our grog and smoking our pipes in the bosom of our families. Perhaps we ought to have said Larkin the Irresponsible. We ought to have taken him at his own estimate—as a stormy petrel, unread and unversed in the complex problems of life; concerned only with its grim tragedy and cruelties. As it was, we weighed him in the scales of practical statesmanship.

Our Own Castigation.

It happened that our article was published on the very day of the Albert Hall meeting—and didn't Jim let us have it! "You have come here to look at the Lunatic," he said, and then he shouted," We have much more important things to do to-night than to talk of such a specimen of humanity as Bottomley—truly the bottom dog; one of those specimens that capitalism produces in awful numbers." Well, that was a good start, and we pause merely to remark, first, that as one of the "bottom dogs" we look to Jim to rescue us; and, secondly, that if "bottom dogs" are the normal product of "capitalism," "Labour" hasn't much to complain of, after all. But Jim hadn't done with us yet. "There were people who wanted to set upon a pedestal one of the worst results of Capitalism—Bottomley—and, on the other side, hand and glove with him, Murphy!" We suppose that when Jim said that he had noticed that even amongst his own audience there were some of such "people," or, perhaps, somebody had whispered to him that not very long ago that same Albert Hall was packed with ten thousand other "rebels"—rebels against the fraud of the Party system—who had come to hear how, without revolution or anarchy, the willing labourer may be given work, and the poor and hungry, food. And the pedestal they had in mind was simply a square, solid platform called Business Government—resting upon the foundation of Common Sense. What Mr. Murphy has to do with that pedestal we know not. and it is the first time we have heard the suggestion. Think what kind of man this Murphy is—for Jim hadn't finished with us even yet: "At least Murphy has got the courage to rob. He does it mainly by robbing the worker of his rightful wage, *but* Bottomley forms companies." Now if that was Larkin's own, it isn't at all bad. It would, of course, have been better without the word "but," which suggests a distinction that was not intended, for what Jim meant to say was that there is no moral distinction between the bold Murphy to-day robbing the Dublin docker of his wages and the timid Bottomley having once upon a time formed a few companies to develop the goldfields of Western Australia (incidentally giving an enormous fillip to mining labour and the machinery industry)—or to run newspapers, on the same financial principle as that of the *Daily Herald* and the *Citizen*. Nor does the fact that Bottomley's shareholders got all their money back in dividends differentiate either him or them from Murphy and his "victims"! And here let us tell Jim a little story

Bottomley, Bristol and Ben.

About ten years ago, when one of our companies was in difficulties (even "capitalism" has its troubles!) we went round the country addressing district meetings of the shareholders, for the purpose of breaking the news that they would have to fork out some more cash. In due course, we reached Bristol, where a few months previously Ben Tillett—who lives there—had been cruelly persecuted. Now, however much they may differ in their points of view, there has always been a sincere personal attachment between Bottomley and Ben—which should satisfy Jim that his "truly bottom dog" is not quite a mongrel. And Ben was at the station when we arrived; and as he grasped the object of our mission, he expressed a desire to stand outside the hall, and, as he put it, "watch the lambs being led to the sacrificial altar." After the meeting we met again, and were greeted with the joyful exclamation—"God is just; *nearly every one of my late persecutors was there.*" You see, Jim, they were not Bristol dockers—they were all "awful products of capitalism"!

Larkin's Lapses.

And here just a friendly hint. Larkin must cure himself of the habit of "correcting" the reporters. *Now*, it appears, he did not say "Damn the Empire!" That was a wicked invention of "the capitalistic press"—for the "intelligence of whose editors" Jim says he declines to be responsible! Which sounds a bit like swelled head! It is true that the *Herald* omits all reference to this alleged ejaculation in its report of the meeting; but, unfortunately for Larkin, it sets out in large black type the other disclaimed utterance—the prediction of "a general strike *in a few hours.*" Perhaps, though, Larkin did not say these unkind things about us!

A Rebuke—

It will be seen that Jim's castigation has left us quite cold and unmoved. We bear him no ill-will. He neither understands our nature nor knows our record. He does not know that essentially we are of the people and for them. He does not know that, years before he began to think of such things, we were working in dark courts and garrets, with Odger and Holyoake and Bradlaugh—when unpopular causes were less tolerated than they are to-day. He does not know that the printers, the tramway men and others owe many of their modern advantages to our direct influence and vote. And he does not know that, right down at the root of our plea for a saner system of government, is a very sincere and definite plan for the amelioration of the lot of the real bottom dogs. Nor, perhaps, would he believe that in all the varied features of this journal there is no corner dearer to our heart than that which every week pleads—and never pleads in vain—for some derelict whose life-tragedy forms the story of our "Human Document." Larkin doesn't know his friends.

And a Challenge.

Would he like a test? Let him come to any hall in London or the provinces—choosing his own ground. Let him bring with him the "fiery cross" of his own evangel. *And let us be there.* He shall tell, in his own rugged way, the story of the Dublin dockers; of the apathy of the Party politicians, and the helplessness of the professional "Labour Leaders"; of the impotence of the Government and the corruption of the Castle; of the callousness of the Church and the puerility of the priests. *And we will point the remedy.*

And Jim Larkin, if he be the honest chap he is painted, will take us by the hand and say—"This way, and this way only, leads to industrial salvation and victory." And meantime, whatever be the merits of the Dublin dispute, if a few hundred pounds will help to assuage the aching of the empty bellies of the wives and kiddies—well, we have it in hand in our Human Document Fund, and they are welcome to it.

Now then, Jim, speak up!

STINIE MORRISON AGAIN.

REMARKABLE NEW EVIDENCE.

It seems we are never to hear the last of the Clapham Murder case, and the reason may be attributed to the belief of his solicitor, Mr. Claude Lumley, in Morrison's innocence. Since the day of his conviction we have taken the view that Morrison was not the culprit, and the fact of the death sentence being commuted goes to show that the Home Office advisers were by no means clear upon the point. In the circumstances, we wonder what will be their attitude now that they are in possession of the following additional sworn evidence. For obvious reasons we refrain from giving the name and address of the person who has made the declaration, except to state that she lives in London and is available at any moment. She is 21 years of age and is the wife of a man who has been convicted of burglary. She knew the murdered man and also Morrison. At about 11 p.m. on the night of December 31st, 1910 (the night of the murder), someone knocked at her door. She was in bed so did not see who it was, but heard the visitor and her husband talking in a foreign language. Shortly afterwards her husband left the house, and did not return for three days. It was dark when he came back, and he had blood upon his shirt sleeves and front. He had "lost" his waistcoat. He refused to say where he had been. He always carried a dagger in his hip pocket. He tore up his shirt and burnt it, and told his wife that if she told anyone he would "knife" her. When the woman heard that Morrison had been arrested she mentioned it to her husband, who told her to "shut her mouth." On the night of December 31st, when her husband left her, he was without money. When he returned he had both gold and silver. He has now deserted her, and is believed to be in America. Perhaps the most sensational part of the story is that Inspector Wensley, knowing the character of the husband, actually had him in Court at the trial of Morrison.

We have only to add that although the murder was a particularly brutal one, no blood stains were found upon Morrison. Moreover, it is now known that Beron and two other men and a woman, neither of the men being Morrison, were driven from London Bridge to Kennington on the fatal night. How is it that this important witness was not called at the trial, especially as he had made a statement to the police? We expect important developments.

GAS AND GRAB.

SIGNED AGREEMENT HONOURED IN THE BREACH.

The Gas Light and Coke Company, of Horseferry Road, Westminster, appear to have a queer notion of their business interests, to say nothing of their legal rights. They recently installed a gas supply, upon the usual basis of quarterly payment, in a Forest Gate workshop. The proprietor of the shop was unable to make a success of his business and the premises were accordingly closed, two pounds' worth of gas having been used. The consumer fully intended to pay his debt to the Company as soon as he had discharged certain small but pressing demands in connection with the closing down of his business. Though accurately informed of their customer's position, the Company at once served upon him a summary demand for payment, with an intimation that unless the debt were discharged within forty-eight hours, legal process would be instituted. Not content with this arbitrary and inconsiderate action, the Company proceeded, without notice, to cut off the penny-in-the-slot supply at the debtor's private residence, thus wantonly disregarding the express terms of the contract signed between themselves and him. This agreement provides for its own determination in the following explicit terms:

> This agreement may be determined by the Company at any given time, *giving* 48 *hours' notice in writing* to the consumer.

The Company are thus convicted of a deliberate breach of their own express agreement, and seem to be liberally endowed with the arrogance and gaucherie which disfigures the management of most private monopolist undertakings.

TREADING THE HARD BOARDS.

"MY KINGDOM FOR"—A GOOD SQUARE MEAL.

An actor gives us his experiences of "the boards," experiences, we are afraid, but too typical of the treatment meted out to hardworking and even well-gifted members of the theatrical profession. During the summer he played important parts in high-class comedies, at a salary below £2 a week. It can well be imagined that existence, even on the full amount of this pittance, when a different roof covered his head week by week, was none too rosy; but, owing to mismanagement, the takings of the pay-box were unsatisfactory—with the result that the poor wages were not regularly forthcoming—in fact, the salary did not average more than a pound a week during the tour. The monetary shortage was, however, but an item in a sordid tale, for the members of the company had to endure all sorts of unpleasantness and discomfort. The "principals" combined, and endeavoured to support themselves by means of an entertainment at the seaside, but this unfortunately was a dead failure, and left the poor actors worse off than ever, though there was no lack of talent, and, given a chance, they should have done well. The company had, perforce, to break up, and our correspondent—bitterly mortified, and run down in health—had a period of "resting" which failed (owing to the worry from which he was suffering) to restore him. However, after being six weeks without employment, he was glad to obtain another engagement, though in a branch of the art somewhat out of his line. Nevertheless, he did very well—to judge from the reports in the local Press—but before the first week had expired, he, with two other leading members of the company, was paid off on the ground that they were not suited to their parts—not being even given the extra week's salary in lieu of notice to which they were entitled. They are, of course, unable to afford the expense of going to law to enforce their right; theatrical managers of the lower sort are, unfortunately, not above taking advantage in this way of their employees' impecuniosity, as well as their natural unwillingness to disclose the meagreness of their salaries.

Our friend endeavours to cheer himself up with the reflection that his treatment has not been as bad as that of some of his brother and sister artists. But his present position is deplorable. We publish his story as a warning to stage aspirants. Many a Richard III. would have been glad to exchange his airy kingdom for a good square meal.

HAWKERS, HALT!

FAMILIAR NOTICE AND ITS LEGAL BEARING.

"No hawkers, no circulars," runs the familiar legend upon the gates of villadom in London and elsewhere. The legal effect of this general prohibition has recently formed the subject of interesting discussion. It seems clear that any hawker or bill distributor who, in defiance of such a notice, approaches the door of a residence at once becomes a trespasser and thus forfeits the ordinary protection of the law. Were no such warning displayed, he might be presumed to enter upon the premises with the tacit consent of the householder, in much the same way as a more regular trader, especially if he had previously enjoyed custom at the house. The distinction is of some importance. In the view of the law, to which we have adverted, and which we believe to be substantially correct, a hawker attacked by a savage dog or injured, say, by a fall of masonry, would have no remedy against a householder protected by a warning notice upon his outer gate. In the absence of such a prohibition, it is at least arguable that the victim of such a mishap might avail himself of the liability resting upon every householder to take reasonable precautions for the safety of persons who, with his express or implied leave, may approach his doors. Here, pending authoritative judicial pronouncement, the matter must rest. It is interesting to observe that these notices, intended primarily for the discouragement of *pedlars*, make mention only of *hawkers*. Yet, in the eye of the law, there is a clear distinction between the two classes of itinerant traders. A "hawker" is one who hawks from a cart. A pedlar "hawks" on foot.

Do You Want a Fine Plump Christmas Turkey? How to get one—see page 838.

ADVICE FROM THE ANTIPODES.

LABOUR COUNCIL APPEAL THROUGH US TO THEIR ENGLISH BROTHERS.

Some months ago we reported that the Port Melbourne branch of the Political Labour Council of Victoria had passed a resolution requesting the Central Executive to cable to John Bull an account of the adverse labour conditions prevailing, the booming and boosting emigration officials and emigration agents notwithstanding. Another meeting of the branch has since been held, when Councillor A. E. Page, the Mayor, said that "their resolution had ended in smoke." It appeared that a special cable to us would cost a lot of money, and then the Mayor moved that "instead of the cable being sent, the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to John Bull." We have now received the missive, which runs as follows:—

> I am instructed by the Port Melbourne Branch of the Political Labour Council of Victoria to request your valuable assistance in placing before the workers of the Old Country the exact position of affairs in Victoria, and which may be said to exist throughout the whole of Australia.
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> In Victoria at the time of writing there are upwards of 6,000 unemployed, and amongst this number are a large number of recent arrivals who have been lured to this country under false impressions. Many of them would not remain had they the necessary means to return. We in the great Labour movement in Victoria sympathise with our brother and sister workers of the Old World, who, in many instances, have been forced practically out to this country with golden hopes of being settled on the land—but with what result? They are brought here, and dumped into the city, forming additional strength to the already large army of unemployed, and allowed to want—aye, to starve, and numbers of them have been driven to self-destruction. I can without fear of contradiction say that the demands on our charitable benevolent societies have been greater during the past winter than ever before.
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> Regarding the housing of new arrivals, surely some of those who are already here will have sent word home before now. It is impossible to obtain houses in Melbourne or suburbs, and so keen is the demand that people who have occupied houses for years do not know from week to week when they will receive notice to quit, owing to the fact that a "higher bid" has been received than the rent the present tenant is paying.
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> It has been said that we in Victoria are opposed to immigrants, but that is all bunkum, and it is a significant fact that those workers who have arrived eventually fall into our ranks. No, sir, we in the Labour movement are not opposed to the immigrant, but we are decidedly opposed to our own flesh and blood, our own kith and kin, the workers from the Old Land, being lured by lying misrepresentation to leave those who are near and dear to them, in many instances to break up their homes, to come to a strange land to meet with unemployment and eventually misery and starvation.
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> We trust that you will give this matter the utmost publicity, and we shall be pleased to supply you with information at any time.

The Emigrant's Paradise.

"At present there are 6,504 unemployed in Victoria alone," says another Australian reader, "and this number will be supplemented by new arrivals. The Government may guarantee positions which are mostly temporary ones—there are no fortunes to be made out of jobbing here and there, and then to be unemployed for a term. To get a permanency is like looking for a needle in a haystack, only with considerably less hope of finding it. There is an army of land agents here, and they evidently look upon the new arrival as a certain 'mug,' judging by the amount of land and businesses which would 'just suit a new arrival,' but the latter, should he not be convinced by the plausible tales of agents and take the trouble to make inquiry into his prospective purchase, will find that it will *not* just suit him. To quote a remark made to me by an Australian from whom I was making inquiry respecting a block of land for sale by the Government. 'If the land was good and worth the money required for it, should we allow you emigrants to have it? We were here first!'"

During the last few months we have, to our knowledge, stopped a great many people from emigrating to Australia, and we are gratified to receive this confirmation of the truth of the statements we have made. Australian emigrants, beware!

OUR NAVAL MANŒUVRES THROUGH GERMAN GLASSES.

"EVERY SOLDIER KILLED THREE TIMES."

There is in Germany a very prevalent belief that the success of the Red Fleet in the manœuvres round the mouth of the Humber was all pre-arranged, and that it was done with the intention of getting up a scare and utilising this demonstration of the vulnerability of our shores as an unanswerable argument in favour of very largely increased Naval Estimates. In fact, the German attitude in this connection is such as to discourage all those who would gladly see a better understanding brought about with that land. It must not be overlooked that the hitch in the proposals for the construction of the war vessels by Canada was a source of ill-concealed joy in many influential circles in the Fatherland. The recent authoritative statement that there is no immediate action contemplated in England to fill up the unexpected gap in our first line of defence was hailed as a most statesmanlike view of the situation, and the policy of "Wait and see" then adopted was one that commended itself to German observers. But when the First Lord of the Admiralty publicly invited Germany, and, by a necessary consequence, all other considerable Naval Powers to cease new construction for the space of a year or more, this pacific suggestion met with derision, if not with absolute contempt.

Teasing the "Terriers."

The Germans would have us believe that their view is that our naval supremacy is such that it is utterly inconceivable that any attempt to land troops in England could ever be made with any hope of success. It is not denied that John Bull, taken in bulk, yields to no people on this earth in his perfectly colossal ignorance of military affairs, and then the inference is slyly drawn that it will be all the easier on that account to get up a scare and "stampede" him, as it were, now that he has seen with his own eyes that his local gasworks, electric power stations, railways and other works of public utility are all at the mercy of a handful of determined men. It has even been pointed out that the available Territorials "fought like lions, and that every single soldier allowed himself to be shot three times over before they yielded up the city." (This is a literal translation from an article in a most influential journal of Baden.) The implied sneer at the way the Territorials are led will not escape the notice of those who, more clear sighted than the majority of their fellow-citizens, are aware that all is not well with our citizen army for home defence.

"Keep Your Powder Dry."

The lesson we must learn is obvious. We must not be lulled into fancied security, nor allow interested assurances of our invulnerability to deceive us. If Germany wishes to make overtures of friendship, she has the means at her disposal. A contraction of her naval programme as regards new construction would automatically relax the not unnatural feeling of tension that exists. But however gladly we should welcome such a manifestation of goodwill, and however fully and frankly we should exhibit our satisfaction, we must meanwhile not fail to let it be known to all the world that it is our intention to maintain at all costs that margin of supremacy at sea which is the one and only guarantee we have for our existence as a nation. We need not attempt to convince some people that we have not any territorial ambitions on the Continent. In trying to do so, we come at once into collision with that *idée fixe* which renders those obsessed by it utterly and hopelessly impervious to any sort of argument, and absolutely incapable of appreciating any facts that run counter to their ideas. Bearing this in mind, it will not much surprise us to find responsible German papers taking credit for the extreme calm with which the revelation of Delcassé's plot against their territorial integrity was received. It probably will be news to most Britons that our late King Edward VII. had agreed with Delcassé to land 150,000 British troops in Schleswig-Holstein! But the existence of such a plot is an article of faith in certain quarters in Germany. We, too, as a nation, can display great equanimity when confronted by dangers no less serious than that menace to Schleswig-Holstein.

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A DAMNING DOCUMENT.

ANOTHER STRAND FOR MCKENNA'S NOOSE.

Early last month Sir Henry Cunynghame completed his official Inquiry into the causes of the calamitous fire at the Cadder Pit, in August of this year. We have more than once insisted that the circumstances of this catastrophe pointed to gross neglect by the colliery proprietors of the most elementary precautions for the safety of their men. Our grave indictment of the mineowners is now amply confirmed. The full text of the Commissioner's Report has been published. Couched in frigid official terms, it yet affords a lurid exposure of the conditions to which we have constantly striven to direct the attention of a long-suffering public.

Ascribing the origin of the fire to the accidental ignition of combustible material, probably from a stray match, Sir Henry rapidly proceeds to a consideration of the machinery of rescue found available at the Cadder Pit in the hour of disaster. In this connection the Commissioner has had regard to the express provisions of the Coal Mines' Regulation Act of 1911. In the light of this enactment and of the regulations for its application, issued from the Home Office from time to time, Sir Henry unhesitatingly convicts the coal owners of wilful default in the provision of means of rescue. He says:

> The Cadder Company was in default in the provision of rescue apparatus as required by the regulations in force at the time of the accident. They had not even provided smoke-helmets and bellows.

In a word, they had done nothing to effectuate the law of 1911, but had insolently flouted the commands of the Legislature, snapping their fingers at the Home Office and all its works. The so-called rescue apparatus found at the pit was of the crudest and most ineffectual type. With these imperfect weapons brave men fought the flames, attempting impossible feats, but their courage had never been disciplined by training, and, despite the specific directions of the Home Office, no organised rescue brigade had been formed. Sir Henry continues:—

> If the alarm of fire had been given earlier, it might well have been that the speedy arrival of apparatus on the spot would have saved the lives of the men. I shall be surprised if, after the experience gained in this accident, the colliery masters of Lanarkshire will be found still to maintain the position they took up.

That position was an agreement for union upon a common basis of inaction. The owners of the Cadder Pit ignored the mandates of the Home Office, in pursuit of a tacit understanding with their colleagues throughout Lanarkshire. This sinister fact emerges clearly from the Report:

> The case of the managers was that they were determined to act in common with the other coal-owners of Lanarkshire—and upon a regular system.

The old, vicious system of doing nothing, strenuously, careless of the cost! The fierce opposition of the mining interest to every clause of the 1911 Act is a matter of recent history. There are widespread indications that it is finding its sequel in a concerted attempt on the part of mineowners to thwart the operations of the statute and to render it of no effect.

In the face of Sir Henry Cunynghame's frank disclosures, the Home Office authorities can no longer plead ignorance of the prevailing conditions. They know that the work of coal-getting is to-day being carried on in circumstances pregnant with the potentiality of disaster. Their course is clear. They must enforce the law to the letter. Ministerial incompetence must no longer be permitted to extract its perennial toll of blood.

"THE RED FLAG."

BIRDS OF PREY FLOWN.

Allan and Gilmour, of 47, Oswald Street, Glasgow, the homework swindlers to whom we recently referred under this heading, have flown. It seems they occupied the premises for a few days only—just long enough to make a fine bag of postal orders The case is made the worse by the fact that one of the rascals adopted the surname of a highly respectable builders' merchant, who had long been established at that address, and who, of course, was in no way connected with them.

POOR PRETENCE.

'DON'T SHOOT—WE'LL HAUL DOWN!"

Some time ago we commented upon the fitting up of such tramp steamers as *La Rosarina* and *El Paraguay* with 4·7 guns, pointing out that these weapons, should they be fired, would shake the after-end of the vessels almost to pieces, and, as they were placed close to the steering gear, would soon impede navigation. The incongruity has, however, been continued, a gun crew of eight men, with a chief officer—paid partly by the shipowners and partly by the Admiralty—being carried on the boats in question. But would it be believed that, although elaborate magazines have been installed, with the latest flooding arrangements, etc., not a single charge has been fired in the majority of cases—no ammunition, even, having been placed on board? Surely the naval authorities can hardly think that the fame of these half—or shall we say quarter?—trained gunners will have spread such fear in the ranks of a foe that, on countering one of them, a hostile ship will adopt the attitude of the squirrel towards Mark Twain's mighty hunter, and signal "Don't shoot, we will come down"—or rather, haul down! The reason doubtless is that when they made their bombastic declarations regarding the "floating forts" the Admiralty were ignorant of the fact that no vessel is allowed to enter a dock, at home or abroad, with ammunition on board. For instance, for London, explosives would have to be discharged at Gravesend, for Liverpool in the River, for Buenos Ayres in the Roads, and so on. Although, as we have said, nothing is carried to fire off the "foreigner-frighteners," it would be interesting to know how long it would take a semi-amateur gun's crew to get up, say, two hundred rounds of ammunition from the lower peaks and discharge it. We think the operation would almost inevitably mean that a tide would be lost—and a seaman knows, to his cost, what that entails. Now, Mr. Churchill, ring down the curtain on this farce!

HAIRY HUMBUGS.

A YANKEE INVASION OF "SILLY SUFFOLK."

The latest rival to that notorious humbug, Hugh McKean, of Westminster Bridge Road, is the "British Mail Order Company," whose address is—wonder of wonders!—given as "84, High Street, Southwold, Suffolk." Despite the name, this is obviously an American ramp, and we can well imagine that the hatchet-jawed strangers who must be running it are affording a fruitful topic of conversation in every inn in the sleepy place, and for miles around. The concern works on the old lines: There is the same nauseating would-be smartness—such as "If you are a dead one in a dead business, get into a live one. . . . You can place a mortgage of fear on your eternal soul, or you can invest energy, ambition, and a few shillings, in a big dividend-earning idea." All this quack-doctor verbiage leads to an invitation to take up the manufacture of "Brilo" hair tonic. There must now, however, be few so poor in intellect as to do reverence to these hairy humbugs. We sincerely hope and expect that the transatlantic crooks will find that their trust in the proverbial silliness of Suffolk has been misplaced.

STAMPS WHICH DID NOT "COME OFF."

WE REVISE OUR OPINION OF A CHISWICK CONCERN.

In our recent reference to the Chiswick Rubber Stamp Company, of 5, Mayfield Avenue, Chiswick, we gave that somewhat obscure concern the benefit of the doubt, in crediting them with perfect honesty of intention, merely criticising their dilatoriness in the delivery of orders. From four other letters which have now reached us, however, we are inclined to revise this opinion. One correspondent tells us that he paid 4s. 6d. for a stamp in March, 1911, but his repeated applications for the article, or the return of his money, have been ignored; a second case goes back even further, as payment—of 14s. 4d.—was actually made on June 21st, 1907! The other two are of more recent date. These people seem to have had a surprisingly long run—with other people's money!

"Bullets" Second Prize Increased to £100 this week. See page 838.

GENIAL JUSTICE.

BAD MEAT AND SOFT SAWDER.

Mr. Herbert Ashling, the learned Town Clerk of the Borough of Bournemouth, seems to entertain a queer notion of his official duty. It is his business from time to time to direct the attention of the local Justices to offences against the public health of their salubrious city. Thus it was that on a recent occasion he appeared in the role of prosecutor, when Messrs. A. J. and W. Taylor, a firm of butchers, were summoned at the instance of an Inspector of Nuisances for displaying for public sale the carcase of a calf affected with tubercular disease. The magisterial investigation of this grave charge was marked throughout by the most graceful harmony. At the outset, Mr. Ashling paid a generous tribute to the courtesy of the defending solicitor, Mr. C. Lacey, who had graciously permitted him to scan the defence before the hour of trial. In return for this token of confidence, the learned prosecutor immediately proceeded to lay before the Bench every circumstance, in extenuation of the charge, which ingenuity could suggest. Messrs. Taylor had done everything in their power to further the ends of justice. He (Mr. Ashling) was satisfied that the defendants had no means of knowing that the meat was diseased. But for temporary indisposition, Mr. Taylor would undoubtedly have personally inspected the carcase, in which case he would with equal certainty have forbidden its exhibition for sale.

Fired by this admirable model of forensic skill, the defending solicitor proceeded to address the Bench. He deeply appreciated the courtesy and moderation of his brother, Ashling. He was perfectly sure, too, that his clients would appreciate the remarks of the Town Clerk, especially in view of their high reputation, which might otherwise suffer from these unhappy proceedings. In the circumstances of the case, and *having regard to the remarks of Mr. Ashling*, he thought he might with perfect propriety urge the Magistrates to dismiss the charge, upon payment by his clients of the costs of the prosecution.

The joint efforts of Messrs. Ashling and Lacey appear to have produced a marked impression upon the minds of the Bench. In the awkward state of the law, conviction was a regrettable necessity, but mercy might yet mingle with their justice. Technically, there were two Informations against the defendants. Upon the first they would be fined £5, inclusive of costs, while the second would be dismissed on payment of the expenses of the prosecution. This last stipulation clearly embodied the equity of the matter, it being certain that but for the efforts of the prosecution, Messrs. Taylor may well have found themselves in parlous plight. A trifling formality remained. Mr. Lacey desired an assurance that his clients were exonerated from personal blame. Ashling purred assent. The Bench concurred. Justice, in the Holy City, "roars like a sucking dove."

A BRITTLE BOND.

WEALTHY FIRM AND A DEBT OF HONOUR.

The Singer Sewing Machine Company are wont to bind their agents by a rigorous stereotyped agreement, certain clauses of which are almost ludicrous in view of the scanty wages for the payment of which provision is made. Moreover, from information which reaches us, we are by no means certain that the firm are sufficiently alert in observance of *their* side of the onerous bond. A Birmingham correspondent, employed till recently by the Company, complains that he was dismissed without notice or wages in lieu thereof, in flat violation of the terms of his agreement. There may, of course, have been circumstances which justified his discharge, but it is hard to conceive of any excuse which might palliate so wanton a breach of an express contract, for, unhappily, there are considerations which tend to aggravate the injustice of the man's dismissal, and the whole circumstances of the case should be reviewed by the Company. Such untoward incidents are lamentably common in the dealings of firms employing agents on an extensive scale. Ruthless use of the "whip hand" is unworthy of important concerns.

A CONTRAST IN CRIME.

SOME COVENTRY CROOKS AND A LONDON LURE.

In response to an attractive advertisement offering home employment, a Grimsby reader wrote to the "Central Bureau," 62, Brook Street, Coventry. In reply, he received a circular which assured him that if he had a few hours daily to spare the Bureau would put him in the way of earning another 15s. to 35s. a week, without such indignity as canvassing. The letter came to its climax with the words, "In order to protect ourselves towards disbursements and book-keeping expenses, we require the small sum of 1s. 6d., on receipt of which we will forward you full instructions." Not pausing to scan too closely the grammar of this glowing offer, our correspondent sent the money—to receive in return a circular advising him to advertise recipes for such strange and diversified commodities as a "liquid light pocket lamp," an "inkless pen," and a "coal-saver"—as well as the suggestion that he should catch other credulous people in a similar trap. Our correspondent points out that in the issue of the paper which contained this fraudulent advertisement there appeared an account of the sentencing of two poor men to a month's imprisonment for sleeping out. He pertinently asks, "Who the more deserves such a punishment?"

Another of these tricks is being worked by the "Modern Business Institute," of "London, New York, and Paris"—the only precise locality of its offices being "5, Denning Road, N.W."—an exceedingly modest thoroughfare. The President is said to be "Gerald Leslie, B.E." (the mystic initials presumably representing "Bunkum Exploiter"), the price for the "complete course of 26 or more 'Ways of Making Money,' published at £2," being "the paltry sum of 3s. 6d." Probably it will be reduced in due course to Mr. Montague Tigg's "ridiculously small sum of eighteenpence"—but even at this figure we cannot advise our readers to do business with Mr. Leslie.

A DAMNABLE SYSTEM.

STATE OFFICIALS TRIFLE WITH DEATH.

Our recent reference to the sad fate of a South Wales farm hand, recruited from an English industrial school, has had a poignant sequel. It will be remembered that the lad met his death by drowning, his body being unceremoniously hustled into a pauper's grave. We have now received a communication from an East London woman, who, from the circumstances of our article, has been led to believe that the dead boy was her son, committed to an industrial school some years ago. The unhappy mother has no recent knowledge of her boy, beyond the disquieting fact that he was lately sent to work at a farm "somewhere in Wales." There is grave reason to believe that she may indeed be the "mother, somewhere," of whose existence the dead lad's employer had a hazy recollection. Since reading our article, the poor woman has twice applied for tidings of her son to the authorities of the industrial school in which he was confined. With almost incredible cruelty these officials have virtually ignored her appeal, returning her letters with the callous endorsement, "Not known!"

THE WIDOW WANGLERS.

COFFEY COUGHS-UP IN THE COUNTY COURT.

If all Trade Unions were run on the lines adopted by the General Labourers' Amalgamated, organised labour would soon come to an end. In our issue of May 24th, under the heading "Wangling a Widow," we dealt with a particularly mean act. Briefly, a labourer's widow had been jockeyed out of her husband's death benefit of £10. Our paragraph had the result of stimulating to legal action another poor widow. The Union—represented by its Secretary, Coffey—disputed all liability and repudiated the claim on the ground that there had been no "nomination" by the deceased; it also pleaded the Trades Union Acts. This was their bluffing attitude right up to the time of going into Court. They then, however, paid the full amount of the claim and costs—doubtless to avoid publicity.

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"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

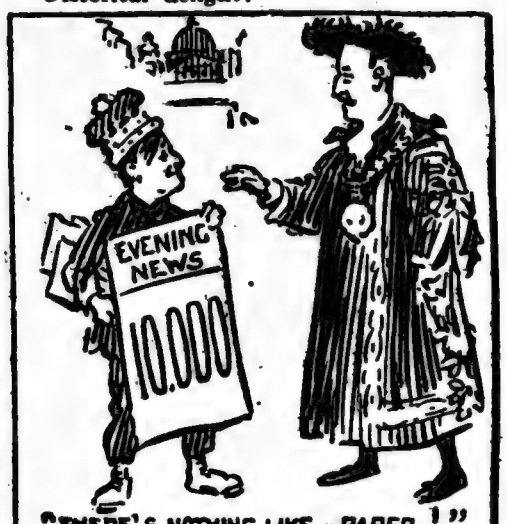
BULL-DOGGEREL RHYMES BY "THE BOW-WOW."

The famous golfing pair return
Home from the U.S.A.,
And, though for "copy" papers yearn,
They've not a word to say!

His blessing Chamberlain bestows
On Carson in his fight,
And through the Orange Province flows
Ulsterical delight!

Upon the sign when Larkin shakes
The Labour Leaders toss
Cold water—cautious act! which makes
The fiery Larkin cross.

Although the last flat race is run
And stewards jumps prepare,
We don't mind laying ten to one
Some "flats" will still be there.



Great interest in the *Evening News*
The new Lord Mayor displays;
What paper maker *could* refuse
Lord Northcliffe's plant to praise?

The female form may be divine,
But—here's the question blunt:
Why does that form, once all behind,
To-day stick out in front?

A "SLIGHT SECURITY."

ROBEY'S ROGUISH RUSE REVEALED.

Charles T. Robey, Limited, "The World's Provider" (how he must blush every time he reads his self-imposed title!) is another of the people working the deposit trick. The old, stereotyped course of the "smart" traders is adopted—the poor client first having his money acknowledged and being buoyed up with the information that the amount "has been duly placed to the credit of his account," and that "particulars of his order have been handed to the phonograph department." He then receives a shock, in the shape of a form which "must be signed by a resident male householder, and the signature duly witnessed." This is really a legal guarantee of a formidable kind, as the signatory undertakes to "accept personal liability to remit the whole amount forthwith in case the purchaser defaults in payment of any instalment"! It is, of course—as we have before remarked in criticising similar stringent and tricky documents—extremely unlikely that anybody out of a lunatic asylum would sign such an agreement—it is, indeed, a form which, until the invention of the deposit trick, was used only by the most grasping of money-lenders. And yet, when our correspondent protested at Robey's breach of faith, that ingenious tradesman calmly expressed regret at learning that he should wish to cancel the order "simply because he had been asked to furnish the signature of a householder friend as some slight security"! Pish!! Our deceived friend should stand none of Robey's nonsense, but should institute County Court proceedings if he cannot get his money.

UPSIDE DOWN WRITING.

[*A girl pupil of nine, in the village school at Amisfield, Dumfriesshire, writes upside down.*]

Unusual child, whose mystical delight
Is to upset the old scholastic notions,
Inverting all your letters as you write,
And rousing teacher's most perturbed emotions—
Though the authorities dub you unique,
There's other writing similarly freak.

Sometimes a letter causes me to frown—
What is its purport it is hard to tell;
It seems not only written upside down,
But, for contrariness, sideways as well.
With all the best will in the world I can't
Read letters written zig-zig and aslant.

All of us hate caligraphy erratic—
'Tis laziness and carelessness that breed it;
The upside down style may be acrobatic,
But why make us stand upside down to read it?
Therefore, dear maid, persist not in your feat,
Though the result, I gladly note, is neat.

Yet, after all, perhaps the child is wise—
The greatest men are they who write the worst;
The penmanship that sorely tries the eyes
Is oft the "fist" of one who comes out first.
Therefore, let boys and girls who would be great
Scrawl upside down and scribble on the slate.

RICARDO.

To ... Football Competitors—Read NEW RULE on Football Page.

BLYTH BOBBIES' BULLYING BLUNDER.

A CASE WHICH MUST NOT BE HUSHED UP.

The Tango is responsible for many tangles, the most serious surely being that which occurred at Blyth a few nights ago. A party of three friends had been to a Tango exhibition, and before parting stood in the Market Place comparing views on the latest craze. One of them, a vivacious foreign clerk, began to give a side-splitting imitation of the performance, when two policemen strolled past, and evidently thinking from the broken English that the foreigner was a sailor, roughly ordered him back to his ship. Inasmuch as the Market Place was deserted —it being after 11 o'clock—and that they were annoying or disturbing no one, and were well-known, peaceful, law-abiding citizens, the group naturally treated the remark as a good joke, and went on with their conversation.

Suddenly the policemen turned back, pounced on the young foreigner and one of his friends, and marched them off. The third, pardonably irritated, followed remonstrating, but when half the distance to the station had been covered he too was seized by another constable, who had appeared on the scene. Fortunately the action of the police happened to be witnessed by a tradesman, who knew the men concerned. He followed in to the station and protested vigorously against the outrage, offering at the same time bail to any reasonable amount. His offer was refused, but a demand for a doctor was complied with. When the medico arrived, however, it is alleged he showed more than a trace of having indulged not wisely but too well, and his attempts to draw a chalk line down the office floor proved the only amusing thing about a tragic episode. Eventually he certified the whole three drunk, and they were charged, put into the cells, and their friend instructed to come for them at 5 o'clock. When he departed the police must have had an idea that someone had blundered, and that the mistake was likely to prove a dear one, for the prisoners were bundled out into the street at 3 o'clock. Immediately on their release, the one arrested last went to the house of his employer, the senior magistrate for the district, and made a complaint. On that gentleman's advice he went at once to an independent doctor, who readily testified to his sobriety.

For the present the case rests there, but further action is contemplated, and rightly so. A significant fact may be added. It was found that the police had issued summonses, but they had, apparently, been allowed to lapse. The question arises, why? The only conclusion we can come to is that the extra smart bullies in blue had suddenly recollected a similar case a short time ago, when the force got into serious trouble. Residents are commenting in scathing terms on the matter, especially in view of the fact that in the town real crime goes practically unpunished.

A GARAGE GRUMBLE.

HOW THE 'BUS-CLEANER "IMPROVES" THE DARK HOURS.

Several of the 40 or 50 cleaners in the more or less regular employ at Tottenham of the Metropolitan and London General Omnibus Companies have appealed to us to obtain for them, if possible, some amelioration of their conditions of employment. Their duties are of the most arduous and unpleasant character. They have to lie on the mud, cleaning the underpart of the modern juggernauts, and to crawl between the step and the life-guard to remove grease from the engine—often sitting in water practically all night. Six 'buses are allotted to each man. These cleaners go on duty at 11 p.m. and leave at 8 a.m., *if* done. The remuneration for all this heavy and uncomfortable labour is 3s. a night. Unfortunately, the poor wretches who work under these conditions have not spirit enough, or are unable for some other cause, to combine. They consequently tamely turn up at 11 o'clock at night on the mere off-chance that they will be wanted—no notice is given beforehand to the casual staff—in some cases coming long distances and paying their own fares even if they use the Company's vehicles. Cannot the drivers' and conductors' Union—which recently achieved so signal a victory in the matter of the displaying of their badges—take these humbler, but still more or less skilled, workers under its wing?

HARD LINES.

POOR PURVEYOR'S POIGNANT PROTEST.

The law is, of course, no respecter of persons, and it would be improper to suggest that the august decrees of the Newcastle Justices are inspired by anything but the loftiest regard for the interests of justice. This being so, their decisions in respect of persons recently charged with breaches of the Shops Act must be relegated to the category of "things which no fellah can understand." Messrs. James Deuchar, Ltd.—a prosperous firm in the licensed victualling line—were summoned in respect of defaults which had involved distinct hardships to a barman in their employ. There were two specific charges against the firm, to neither of which was there any sort of defence other than the somewhat "thin" statement that "oversights" had occurred. This somewhat naive plea seems to have won its way to the sympathies of the Bench, who considered that justice would be met by the dismissal of the summonses, upon payment of costs by the firm.

This exchange of courtesies was but a graceful prelude to the sterner business of the day. James Freeman, a small general dealer, was summoned on a charge of not having closed his shop on one half-day weekly, as stipulated by the Act. He had supplied a neighbour with a tin of mustard. It is true that the defendant pleaded want of notice of the requirements of the Act, but this was clearly an "oversight" on the part of the authorities, to the benefit of which he had no shadow of claim. Fined ten shillings and the costs of the Court.

The third culprit, George Thomas Fenwick, was arraigned on a precisely similar charge. Mustard again had precipitated disaster. With charming grace, the Magistrates permitted the defendant to be seated—he being manifestly too ill to stand.

The offence was readily proved. Neither denial nor extenuation was forthcoming. Swift and certain the fiat of justice—ten shillings and costs—sixteen shillings in all. Upon hearing his sentence, the defendant observed:—

> It's hard lines. I don't think the Act was made for the likes of me. I have only a small shop, in which I am trying to get a living, and it is hard to be compelled to close. I employ no assistants.

This plea may, of course, be regarded as a trenchant illustration of the rebellious temper of the times.

THE SLAVE MARKET.

JUSTICE PLEADS A PALSIED ARM.

Four and a half years have elapsed since a lad named Cartwright was committed to an industrial school by the Scarborough Magistrates for his share in the theft of a herring barrel. In sentencing the culprit, the Justices assured his parents that, should he behave well, he would in all likelihood regain his liberty before the expiration of five years. Relying upon the word of the Bench, Mr. Cartwright has more than once approached the Industrial School authorities with proposals for his son's transference to respectable employment in the vicinity of his home. His advances have been met with contemptuous indifference. Despairing of satisfaction, the father recently appealed to the Scarborough Bench.

His plea was voiced by a local solicitor, who recalled the sanguine observation of the Magistrates responsible for the lad's committal. It now appears that their encouraging *obiter dictum* was entirely gratuitous and unauthorised, and that Justices have in fact no vestige of control over lads whom they have committed to reformatory institutions. Young Cartwright has left the school to which he was consigned. He has been "released" on ticket of leave. To-day, he is a white slave on a Welsh farm.

Mr. Cartwright last saw his boy two years ago, since when he has received no reliable tidings of him. The unhappy lad has passed beyond the ken of the School authorities, who have steadily ignored the father's legitimate interest in his fate. Application to the Home Office has proved barren of result. The Scarborough Justices confess themselves impotent in a matter directly affecting their magisterial honour. The thoroughly vicious character of the Industrial School system is scarcely susceptible of more graphic illustration.

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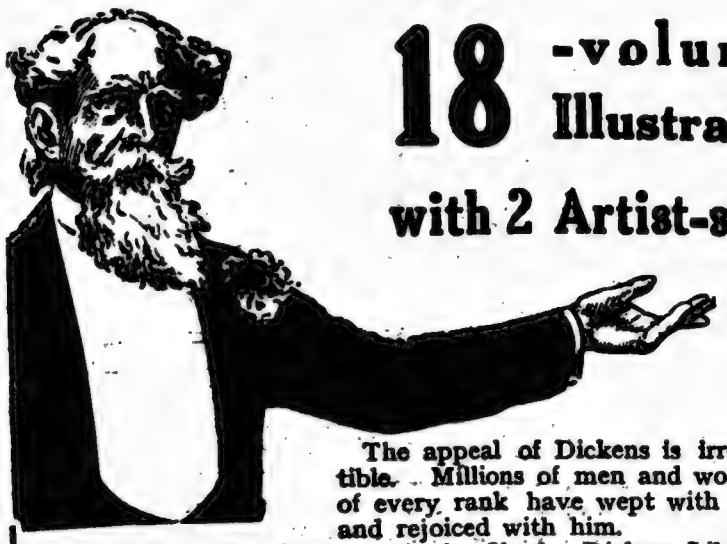

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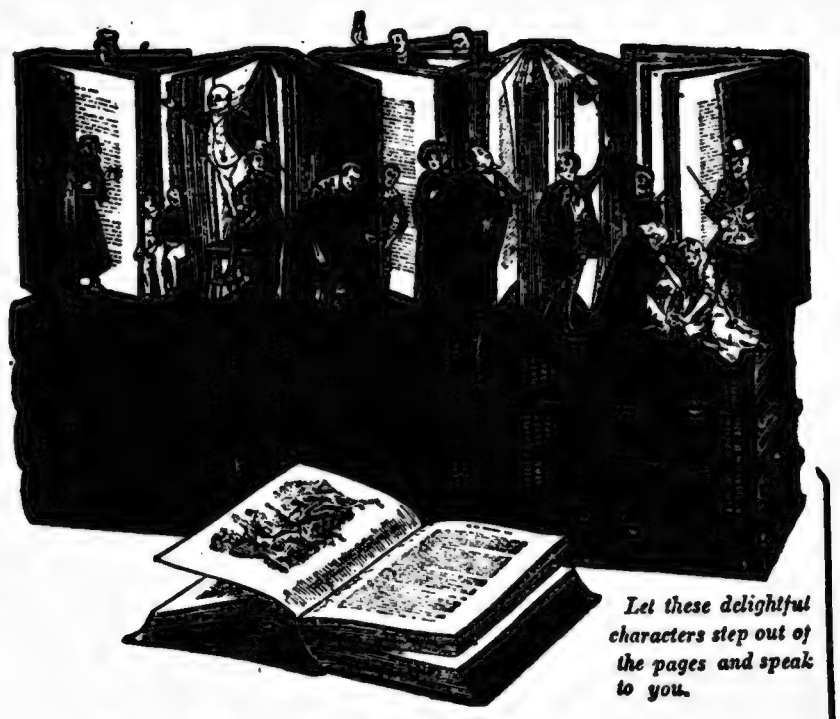

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First, we want money with which to buy orders upon local butchers, bakers, grocers, and others, enabling the recipients to obtain food and take it to their own homes for consumption, a course much preferable to crowding them into public buildings in the old-fashioned way.

Every subscription will be duly acknowledged in our columns. Secondly, we want left-off clothing of all shapes and sizes. This we will have carefully sorted out by the hands of willing workers, and made into suitable "lots," corresponding with numbered orders which will be given by our helpers to those most in need of the things. Thirdly, we want toys for the little ones, to help to brighten their dismal homes at Christmas time.

We can also do with boxes of oranges, sweets, fruit, crackers—in short, anything likely to bring happiness, if only for a few days, into the homes of the poor.

Gifts of money should be sent to the Editorial Offices, 93 and 94, Long Acre; presents in kind should be directed the depot of the Fund, 149, Mare Street, London, N.E.

"CHARITY'S SWEET REWARD."

GENEROUS HELP AND GRATEFUL HEARTS.

Gratitude, we are glad to say, is not so rare as some pessimists would have us believe. We append a couple of further letters from "Human Documents," which we are sure will be read with interest and satisfaction:—

CCLXIV.—This was a case for which we secured the means to re-unite a wife and two children with her husband in Canada. She writes:—"You will be glad to know that I have arrived in Canada and am once more settled with my husband. You cannot tell how thankful I am to JOHN BULL readers."

CCLXVIII.—In this case we brought before our readers the deplorable plight of a man who had descended a Kensington sewer and helped to rescue four men who had been overcome by bad gas. He was presented with £2 and a parchment certificate by the Borough Council, but was incapacitated for work. Failing to get any further help from the authorities of the Royal Borough, our readers assisted him—with the result that we were able to send him, his wife and child to the seaside. He now writes:—"I am pleased to let you know that I, my wife and child are quite well. The change of air has completely restored my health, and I am returning at once to look out for some work." We are glad to be able to say there is sufficient money in hand to keep this little family for, at any rate, a few weeks until the man is able to find employment.

"MORE THAN CORONETS."

HOW TO "RING OUT THE FEUD OF RICH AND POOR."

A Weybridge (Surrey) gentleman has kindly sent us a cheque for £5 for the benefit of the poor man who formed the subject of our "Human Document" CCLXXIV. The generous donor further offers, if some Sheffield employer will give the man a start, to pay his rent for two months from the date of his commencing work. "If there are no sportsmen in Sheffield," he continues, "I will give him a start in my factory at Weybridge." We are glad to receive such testimony that good feeling still exists between the wage-earning and employer classes, and in the event of no local work being offered him, are sure the ex-soldier will prove his gratitude by faithful service to such a master.

For the poor girl referred to in our issue of November 1st under the heading of "Only a Pauper," and for the subject of the paragraph in our issue of November 8th entitled "The Pathos of Poverty," "Soldier" (Richmond) sends 6d. each; while E. E. Y. has forwarded 3s. for Mr. Irvine, to whom we referred under the heading of "Sickly Sentiment."

HUMAN DOCUMENT.—CCLXXV.

[In this column every week we publish particulars of some human derelict whose case, after full investigation, we are able to recommend to the charity of our readers. We are happy to say that in this way we have already been the means of bringing comfort into many a wretched home. All amounts subscribed are duly acknowledged, and no deduction of any kind is made by us.]

PLEA FOR A PARALYSED MAN.

In May, 1912, the subject of this appeal—a miner—was removed to hospital, where he was operated upon for appendicitis. After a stay of six weeks he returned home, but, gradually growing weaker, had to return to the institution. No sooner was he re-admitted than he began to lose the use of both legs, and he was subsequently discharged as incurable. He is a married man, 35 years of age, with one child three years old. At the present time he has to be carried to and from bed, and he has no prospect of ever being able to walk again. At the present moment the family are in receipt from the Guardians of 11s. a week. Out of this 6s. goes for rent, light and fire. Everything of value has been pawned, and the poor wife begs us for assistance. She thinks that, if she can get a few pounds together, she and her husband may be able to start a little newspaper business. The curate in charge of the parish writes heartily recommending it as a most deserving case and worthy of support. He has himself helped, as far as his resources go, and would welcome any assistance from readers of JOHN BULL. The wife is most devoted to her husband, and it would break her heart were he to be taken away to the infirmary. We confidently leave the matter to our readers.

We have received the following amounts, which we have duly forwarded to the subjects of the "Human Documents" named:

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It must not be thought that we charge the civic lords of Esher (and the Dittons) with dereliction of public duty. In the strictest case, the margin of possible concession is rigidly defined. We have it on excellent authority that the Councillors have manfully set their faces against cottages without roofs and have vigorously insisted upon the provision of at least one window in every room. In these circumstances, we refuse a hearing to the mean-spirited disparagement which has reached our unwilling ears. Our confidence is increased by the knowledge that the conduct of the Council has recently formed the subject of a Local Government Board Inquiry—conducted by two grown-up clerks and an office boy—and wherein their reputation was triumphantly vindicated. We are more than satisfied. In case we ever want to build a house in Esher or the Dittons, we hereby raise our hat to the members of the Urban Council—jolly good fellows all!

"DOWSING THE GLIM."

SHINING LIGHTS WITH DARK LANTERNS.

Another ex-Adventist—writing before the appearance of our last paragraph in regard to that peculiar sect—gives a practically similar account of the cunning manœuvres by which its missionaries seek to disguise their real objects and even the name of the body whom they represent. In this they are more crafty than the Mormons. Though they doubtless follow the injunction to let their light shine before men, they switch off the lantern when it seems likely to illuminate personal matters. Besides the strict payment of tithes, the faithful are compelled to give to collections at every meeting, and, in addition, to contribute on the occasion of an annual self-denial week. Smoking is absolutely forbidden, and though abstinence from tea, coffee, spirits, drugs, pork and other foods taboo to the Jews is not obligatory, their use is regarded in much the same way as is a moderate indulgence in alcohol by the "Temperance" party. They observe the ceremony of the washing of feet—those of men by men and of women by women. A more practical precept is that forbidding female Seventh Day Adventists wearing flowers, feathers and gold ornaments—converts are expected to sell these treasures and bestow the proceeds upon the Church. Some of the married do not even wear wedding-rings, others temporise by placing circlets of brass on the conventional finger. On this point, we are told that, though holding no authority from the State to celebrate marriage, some of the leaders do so. The younger members, however, not having altogether lost their heads, feel very doubtful of the legality of these ceremonies.

It appears that, besides the rigid observance of the daylight hours of Saturday as the Sabbath, the faithful are also required to believe in the powers of a prophetess—a certain Mrs. White.

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A COMEDY OF MAGISTERIAL ERRORS.

Some amazing evidence was given before the Llandysilio Magistrates the other day. P.C. Tudor deposed in the investigation of a charge brought against him by one Roberts, of Llandrinio. It appeared that one night he was standing at the four crosses with a publican when Roberts passed. When "Good night!" was said, Roberts failed to acknowledge the compliment—even a second time. The policeman then followed and asked why he didn't answer like a man, when spoken to. Roberts said, "I can please myself, can't I?" He replied that of course he could, though a straightforward man would answer instead of passing like a sneak. Roberts said he was not a sneak. The complainant passed him again later, when he told him to give less of his lip, unless he wanted to qualify for another summons. Roberts said it was a fine thing if he could not walk home without being stopped. The witness then took hold of him by the collar and told him to stop it, or he would lock him up for using bad language. The complainant said, "I am not using bad language." The witness told him he had had enough of his lip, and with that he gave him a simple shove. This is the evidence, remember, which P.C. Tudor himself gave in answer to the charge of assault made against him by Roberts, yet when the constable in his turn charged Roberts with bad language, the magistrates dismissed Roberts's charge against the policeman and supported the policeman's charge against Roberts by inflicting a fine of 1s. and costs.

How the Bench came to this decision passes discovery. According to the report, no bad language was used; nor do we perceive Roberts's assault. All we see is that this preposterous constable followed the man about because he declined to say "Good night," deliberately provoked him to any retort he might have made, and then "gave him a simple shove." It is such an inapropos, upside-down decision that we are eagerly looking forward to the day when John Jones-Jones or Evan Morgan-Morgan will charge P.C Tudor with hanging out his tongue in the vicinity of a public-house at closing time, when the local magistrates will dismiss it with contumely, when P.C. Tudor will then charge complainant with robbing the nearest church and going in search of new-laid eggs, and they will wind up the piece by sentencing him to three months' hard labour for picking the pocket of his grandmother. This will do something to balance things, and will conclusively prove that justice is done at Llandysilio though the ceiling falls. Till then the local Bench may partake of any diet which suits your complaint.

MISSING HEIRS.

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR BOYS.

In these days, when the labour market is so over-stocked, it is extremely difficult for parents to decide what to do with their boys. Some enterprising firms, however, seem to have solved the problem. For instance, Messrs. Fraser and Williams, of 64, Basinghall Street, E.C., are sending out this epistle:—

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> We venture to suggest that you should in your own interests give the matter your immediate attention, and as claims for the legacy should not be delayed, we trust that you will reply by return.

Many of our readers will remember that whole clauses of this communication are identical, word for word, with those in the circular from Godfrey Stewart, Hartridge and Company, of 232, Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, which we quoted in our issue of October 25th. The two concerns appear, therefore, either to be identical, or one must be copying from the other—evidently, the game pays. What a field is here for home-workers!

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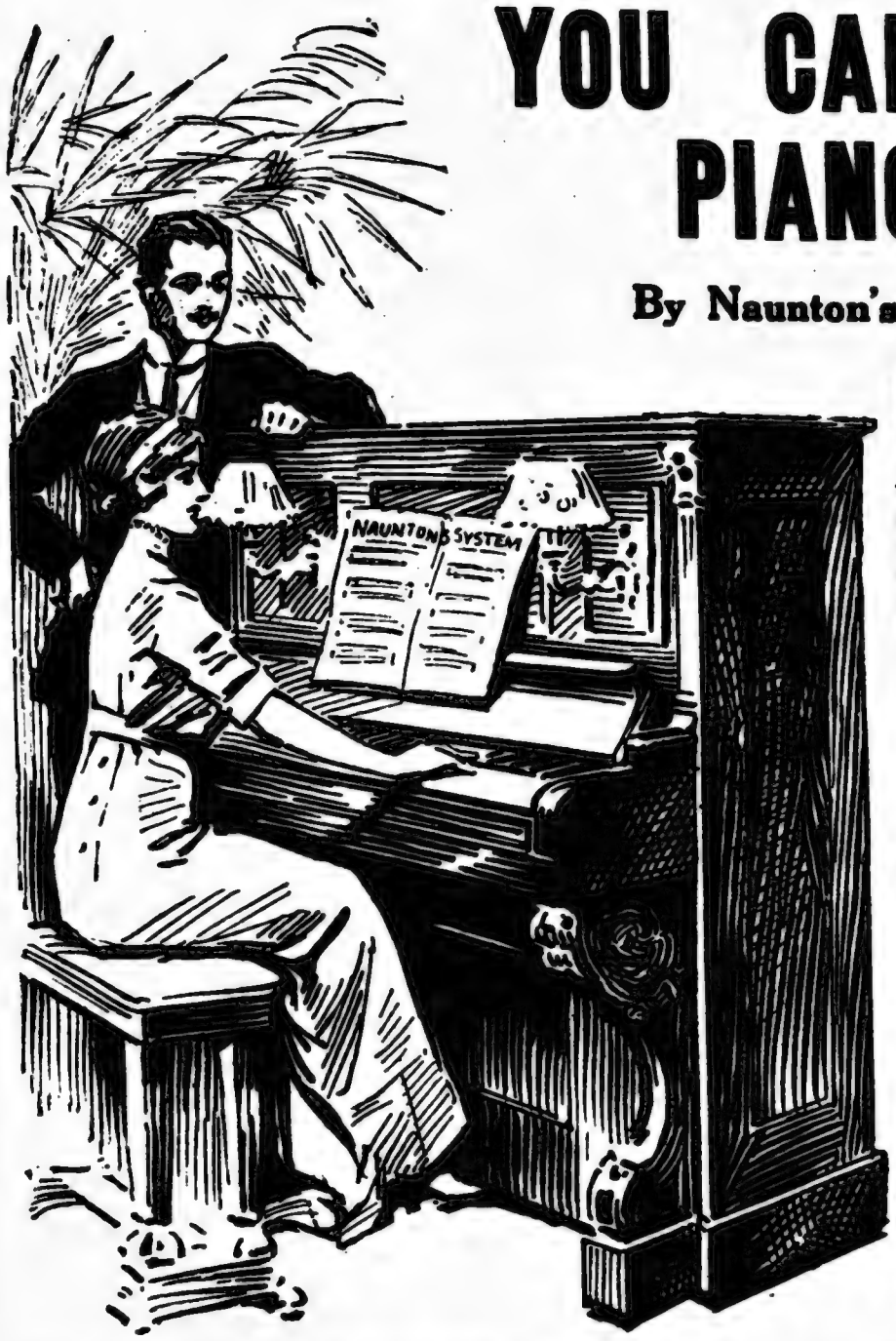
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THE SANCTITY OF THE NUDE.

A PLEA FOR THE CAMERA.

By Beatrice Sinclair, The "Modern Venus."

Is it possible in England to get the average man or woman to see nature through the glasses of the artist? It would appear not, for Mrs. Grundy still continues to hold up her hands in horror if any appreciator of the beautiful in the nude attempts to point out these beauties through the medium of the camera or even on the stage. A reproduction of a painting, even if disgustingly suggestive, is allowed to be exhibited in the windows of our London shops, while a beautiful photograph of the nude is immediately censured by people who imagine that the sanctity of their dressing room has been violated.

I am unjustly attacked for allowing comparative photographs of myself to be published beside more antique Venuses. There has been no part of the figure displayed which could give offence to the most sensitive mind, and the poses taken are identical with those which are universally admitted the most beautiful on record. To me, and to all truly refined natures, there is a sanctity about the nude form, whether it be the figure of youth in its fullness or crippled old age.

The Human Form Divine.

The man or woman who fails to feel impressed by this in gazing on the naked figure is not worthy of a place in the community. The nude should be approached with reverence. The individual who approaches it otherwise is merely on the mental level of the mischievous schoolboy or the adult degenerate.

Any cultured brain must surely have felt that strange suppression of self which takes place on entering, say, a fine cathedral or on hearing the dulcet tones of a fine organ. It is a sensation akin to this that is experienced by the *clean*-minded when gazing on the nude figure. "God made man in His own image," and the more perfect the form of man the more there is of God in that person. It is for this reason probably that people of all ages have worshipped the beautiful. In a beautiful figure it is greatly the spirit of the Creator that appeals to us, and not the mere voluptuousness of form that the vulgar-minded would suggest.

Pictures that reveal the half-clad form and expose parts of the figure calculated to bring a blush to the modest cheek should of course be suppressed. I refer to pictures like "The First Pose," which can be seen in colours in any West End shop window—pictures full of the worst kind of suggestiveness, which give a totally wrong impression of the life of the artist's model. Such productions are merely the children of the extravagant fancy of certain painters in the Latin quarter of Paris.

"Art is Lofty."

In the artist's studio there is no *fun*. Art is a serious job, and the model who sits for "the altogether" is as aware of the sanctity of her body as the artist who attempts to reproduce it on canvas, or the other artist behind the camera. Any nude photographs which have appeared of myself in the illustrated papers have been published not only by my permission but also by that of my husband, who posed me and is an artist of known repute.

Nude photography, if properly understood, instead of giving offence to womankind should rather make my sex proud that we are women and that nature still continues to reproduce female types which, by their simple perfection, are intended by nature to have a healthy moral effect on the public mind.

Nature can be given no opportunity of displaying her beauties if her light is hidden under the bushel of prudishness!

The greatest joy of the grower of orchids is reached, not when some rare specimen realises a high figure in the market, but when others begin to see and appreciate the beauty in the specimen he has cultivated; and the greatest joy to the Creator must come when He finds that people can look upon His handiwork unflinchingly with a *clean* and open mind, a mind able to appreciate all that is greatest, highest, and best.

If those objecters to the exposure of the modern female form through the medium of the camera could realise this, I feel sure that they would be convinced that their narrow-minded objections only reflect on themselves, and place them mentally at a very low animal standard.

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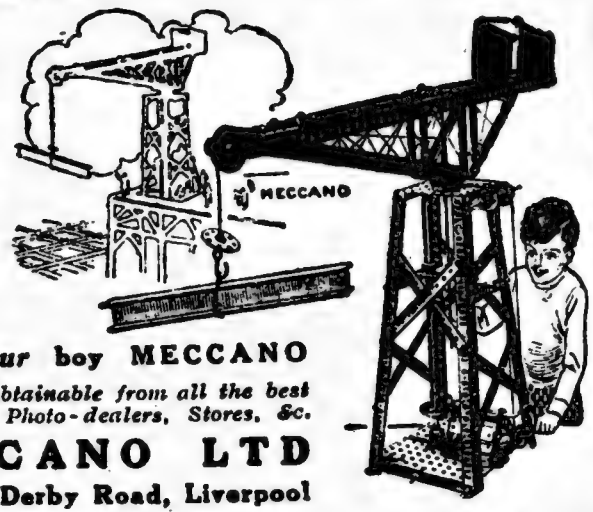

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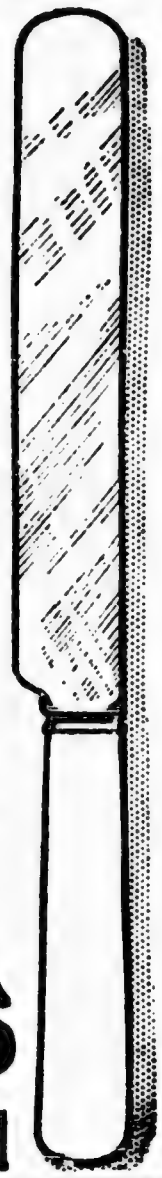

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If *you* happen to be a woman, get a male friend to make this free trial and build your suggestion on his experience.

See "Daily Mail" of 31 Jan., 1914, for result of Competition.

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OPEN LETTERS, POSTCARDS AND TELEGRAMS.

To the Right Hon. Herbert Samuel, M.P., Postmaster-General.

DEAR POSTMASTER,—My attention has been directed to the hard lot of sub-postmasters' assistants, who appear to enjoy no assured status in the organisation of your department. You will hardly need a reminder of the immense amount of extra labour which recent legislation has thrust upon those behind the counters of the smaller offices—I am assured that their hours of employment are woefully long and their remuneration in many cases woefully short. I am sure you cannot approve of "sweating" in any branch of the public service, and I beg you to give this matter your early attention. The remedy may perhaps be found in transferring such persons—chiefly girls—from the direct employment of sub-postmasters to the recognised service of the State.

JOHN BULL.

To C. F. G. Masterman, Esq., M.P.

DEAR WHITEWASHER,—I know you are sadly deficient in the saving grace of humour. Yet I believe you would be bound to laugh if only you could see yourself as you are seen. Your recent public utterances have been quite too funny. Posing as the bold protagonist of changeless and inflexible principles, you have poured vitriolic scorn upon the shameless Tories, bereft of all the virtues and shorn of every grace; and you have thanked Heaven that you and the rest of your Party are not as other men. But how people are laughing up their sleeves! They know, and I know, and you know that we know, how throughout your political career you have trimmed your sails to every puff and breath of the political breeze, so only you might safely bring your bark to the haven of office and reward. But it is all to no purpose. *Your seat has gone.*

JOHN BULL.

To James E. Coates, Esq., Clerk to the Emigration Committee, Reading.

DEAR MR. CLERK,—I have had the opportunity of seeing the published accounts of the Reading Distress Committee, and very queer reading they are. In the "Rate Contribution Account," for instance, I perceive that in order to expend a sum of £199 11s. 3d. in emigrating Tom, Dick and Harry, and probably one or all of their missuses, to Melbourne, Sydney, Toronto, Vancouver, Jerusalem, Jericho and other Lands of Promise, £229 16s. 2d. has been spent in "salaries of officers," and £50 15s. 3d. in "establishment charges." Though it is becoming more and more the fashion in these days for local authorities to chuck everything on the rates which Parliament can't throw upon the taxes, I do really think ratepayers have a right to kick against being mulcted of such a sum to support such a footle. Don't think I am blaming you; anybody would take the salary if he could get it, and Reading isn't the only borough in the Kingdom fooling away on officials and officialdom large sums to assist a few people—some of them probably anxious to clear out because they can't pay the rates—to El Dorados overseas. There can scarcely be a more tremendous lie in the universe than the Emigration Lie; and, to be candid, I don't believe there is in it, either, a more conspicuous and more wasteful stupidity than that of bolstering it up at such an utterly disproportionate cost. That such a balance sheet as this should have been audited and passed without comment by a gentleman appointed by the Local Government Board shows with what amazing complaisance the money of ratepayers, hard put to it in these days to get a living at all, is frittered away. If such an account had come up more than once in a department of stores—if, in fact, it were a matter of business management in any direction, the gentlemen drawing the £230 a year would be cleared out and the department closed down, on the ground that the job wasn't worth the money. It is a public scandal that such wilful, woeful waste should be.

JOHN BULL.

John Redmond, M.P.

Heard anything of the trouble in Dublin—or is it all bunkum? You are Irish Leader, you know—and people are talking.

BULL.

To Leo Maxse, Esq., National Unionist Conference, Norwich.

SIR,—Perhaps it is not to be expected that a gentleman who has forced himself into notoriety by the violence of his journalistic philippics and the vitriolic rancour of his tongue, could or would observe the decencies of public life when so golden an opportunity offered for his unapproachable talents as a meeting of Unionist Associations. There are few limits to your vanity, Mr. Maxse—I am confident there are none to your impudence; so that when at Norwich you made an attack on the Prime Minister impossible to any man with a soul above political cat's-meat, nobody could have been surprised. You could not be fair if you would; you would not be generous if you could; but I say it is an infamous thing for you to suggest, without one word of proof, without one word of attempt at proof, that Mr. Asquith himself has probably been loaded up with Marconis. It is the Maxsian method and the Maxsian style, this lying by innuendo, but it is hardly likely to convince anybody of anything else than that you are one of the skunks of Party, whose only means of making his presence felt is by his nauseous artillery. Get to your burrow.

JOHN BULL.

To Canon J. Hasloch Potter, St. Mark's Vicarage, Surbiton.

SHREWD SIR,—I am lost in admiration. You were recently vexed by the unmannerly attentions of certain moneylenders—whereupon you straightway devised a subtle plan. You indited an epistle to the accommodating gentlemen desiring "further information" as to their glittering proposals. In reply, you received from the froward usurers—how surprised you must have been!—a registered packet containing £100 in banknotes and a promissory note for the repayment of £115 in three months. You found that these terms differed materially from those originally proposed, and you announced your intention of keeping the money, just for fun—and to see what happened. In fact, good sir, 'tis an excellent joke. I discern no single fly upon your reverence. *But don't spend the money.*

JOHN BULL.

To H. Kingsley Wood, Esq., London County Council.

DEAR COUNCILLOR,—I welcome your proposal for the institution of a nursing scheme as part of the machinery of the State Insurance Act. There are countless instances in which the value of medical attention is sadly diminished by the absence of skilled nursing during sickness and convalescence, and your practical project will, I am sure, command widespread support. On the point of finance—ever a prickly problem—you have, I think, taken a sound position. There are in the hands of the Insurance Committees accumulated surpluses in respect of medical benefit, to which, in my judgment, the panel doctors have no shadow of claim. You propose to apply this money to the relief of the sick poor—and you are right. Besides, a little skilful nursing at the right time may save both suffering and money. Thus is there Business as well as humanity in your scheme. Good luck!

JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Alexander Morgan, Tunbridge Wells.

DEAR VICAR,—Judging by the sermon which you recently preached to the Mayor and Corporation of your borough, you cannot be a bad sort of chap. "It is all very well," you said, "to prepare for a home in the hereafter, but it is our duty to provide decent homes for the poorer people now on this earth." I am in entire accord with you. But what did the councillors say? Let 'em have it!

JOHN BULL.

Asquith, Prime Minister, London.

Rumour widely current you propose settlement by consent Home Rule controversy on basis power veto given Ulster members Irish Parliament regard all legislation affecting Ulster. Have you spoken to Redmond about it? If not, do so at once—and, watch his face!

BULL.

George Bernard Shaw, Advertising Specialist, London.

Agree with you in controversy with Bishop Kensington; there are more evil sermons than evil plays; perhaps even more evil parsons than evil actors. Too much parsoning is a public nuisance.

BULL.

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IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR.

JIM LARKIN.

Lumme! 'Oo's this? . . . Mornin', mister. . . . No need to arsk you wot *chew* want . . . a shave, an' pretty bad, too. . . . Sit 'ere, will yer? . . . Seem ter know yore face, guv'ner. . . . P'r'aps w'en I've got some of the bristles orf I shell *h*identify yer. . . . Oh, no, I'm not arskin' fur trouble . . . I've got enuff as it is, without arskin' fur more, mate. . . . Wot with my ole woman, 'oo lorst her temper w'en she lorst 'er teeth, an' 'asn't found it since, an' the two kids darn with 'oopin' corf, I've got my bundle, an' no errer. . . . Be civil? . . . 'Oo ain't civil? . . . I on'y made a prefeshonal remawk erbout yore scrub. . . . As fur not bein' civil, you're the first customer wot's ever complained, es fur es I kin remember. . . . And I 'as the *ee-lite* in 'ere, let me tell yer—Members o' Parlymint, clergymen, and prefeshonal blokes by the dozen. . . . *'Oo's* a lickspittle? . . . Me? . . . You don't know wot you're torkin' erbout, if yer don't mind me sayin' so. . . . You should 'ear me tellin' 'em orf sometimes. . . . I never 'esitate ter speak me mind. . . . But they seem ter like it. . . . 'Sides, w'en I'm torkin' I ushally 'as the razer in me 'and. . . . It's wunnerful wot courage it gives a man w'en 'e's got a razer in 'is 'and, and a bloke's bare squeeze under 'is fingers. . . . *Crrrrk!*—an' w'ere would 'e be, eh? . . . Carnted art, I reckon, an' orl 'is fine plans an' prospecks done in at one swipe. . . . I tell yer, meny a barber's 'eld

the destiny of the *H*empire in 'is 'ands, soter speak. . . . Well, I'm blow'd! . . . I see 'oo you are now, mister—you're Jim Larkin! . . . 'Ow are yer? . . . Pleased ter meet cher . . . you're a wunner, you are, an' no bloomin' errer! . . . I've larfed till I've pritty near split erbart chew! . . . Tork erbart Sir Edward Carson—w'y, 'e ain't in the same street. . . . You've shoved the Guv'ment in as pritty a fix as I've ever 'eard tell of. . . . You've made 'em look bigger blinkin' fools then they are by nachur. . . . Good luck to yer, I say; an' go it—keep on a-goin' it. . . . Fancy tellin' 'em thet if they made a bloomer w'en they shoved you in chokey they've made a bigger one in lettin' you art! . . . Thet's the way ter tork! . . . Pore ole Birrell! It's made it orkwerd fur 'im, ain't it? . . . Are my symperfies with yer? . . . Well, they are an' they ain't, if yer foller me. . . . I ain't much of a believer in laber *h*agitaters, but if we must 'ave 'em, let's 'ave men wot ain't orl jaw an' no do, like ole played-art Keir 'Ardie an' Mister Schoolmaster Ramsay MacDonald. . . . Let's 'ave men wot 'ave got somethink practical ter prerpose, somethink wot'll do erway with the *need* fur strikes. . . . Enny fool ken yell an' shart "*Damn the Hempire—damn you an' yer money!*" an' sich like. . . . An' look 'ere, mister, there ain't no need ter say narsty things erbart the Crarn an' orl thet. . . . You knows es well as I do thet the King—Gawd bless 'im!—cawn't *h*interfere in things like thet. . . . 'E's artside, an' a goo' job, too. . . . It's the Guv'ment wot's the *h*enemy—this rotten mob of self-seekin' Party 'acks. . . . As Bottomley wos a-sayin' larst week (I dessay you read wot 'e sed erbart chew), the on'y thing wot'll stop strikes an' sich like is a Bizness Guv ment, not yellin' an' shartin' like a 'ravin loonatic, like wot chew did at the Free Trade 'all, Manchester. . . . There you aw, Jim, if I may be ser rude. . . . Good luck to yer, I say, but chew must pull yerself tergether—*an let the Crarn erlone*—**savvy? . . . .**

When your opponent (like George Gray)
Makes endless breaks off red all day.
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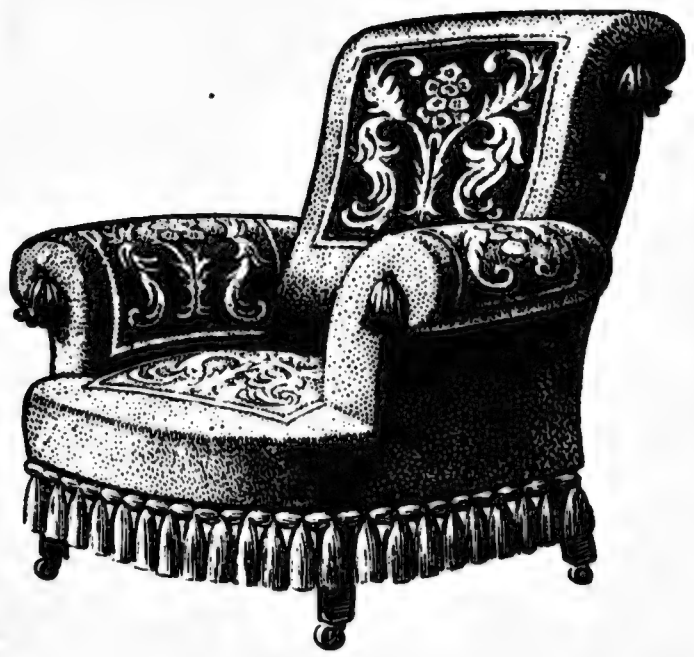

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St. Peter, however, seemed to think otherwise. "Who is there?" he inquired casually.

Back rolled the pompous answer: "Albert William Drinkwater."

"H'm!" said St. Peter, not a whit impressed. "Your late business?"

"Grocer."

"Qualifications for admission?"

"I am a Temperance Reformer."

"What is that?"

Albert William gasped. Such ignorance! Possibly, though, it might be merely judicial.

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"Abstain?" murmured the Saint. "I quite thought 'Temperance' was the word you mentioned? So your whole life has been devoted to others?"

Albert William saw the gate opening slightly. "Yes," he answered.

"And you never drank this destroying nectar yourself?"

The Reformer had expected this.

"Never! Even to save myself from dying," he replied.

St. Peter pushed the gate open a trifle more.

"A grocer," he said meditatively. "Methinks I heard something awhile ago about a grocer's licence. Of course, you had it not?"

Albert William grew a trifle uneasy. The conversation was taking an awkward turn.

"Well, sir—that is, Saint," he stammered, "a man must live, you know, a man must live. Hard times, competition, and so on. And if I didn't sell the stuff, you see, the next man would——"

"But what I wonder at," put in St. Peter mildly, "is that your conscience permitted you to accept a profit from the sale of these pernicious beverages."

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"But have I never heard," said the Saint, pressing his hand to his brow, as if to assist memory, "of the great evils of secret drinking?"

"If so, it would have been from some low publican, anxious to excuse his soul-rotting traffic. Grossly exaggerated, your worship." The little man began to perspire.

"Oh, well," agreed St. Peter. "Of course, if a man of your standing says so——. But, I confess, before I had the benefit of your authority I doubted it. Would you care to come inside?"

Albert William set his hat firmly on his head, gripped his umbrella, and, with a sigh of relief, stepped forward.

"By the way," said the Saint, as Albert William was just about to set foot on the threshold, "one more question, a purely formal one. What did you die of?"

"Surely there is no need——" began Albert William.

"Purely as a matter of form," persisted St. Peter.

"Dys—dys—dys—dyspep—dyspeps——." But the lie, or rather evasion of the truth, refused to be told.

The Saint assumed a threatening aspect. "The truth!"

Before Albert William knew what he was saying, it was out, against his will. "Of over-eating," he whined.

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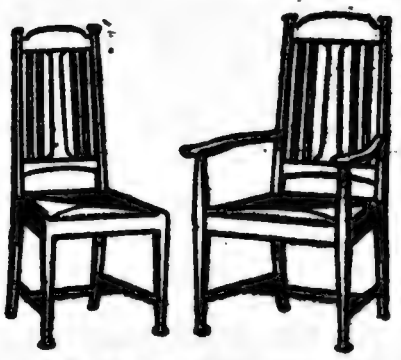

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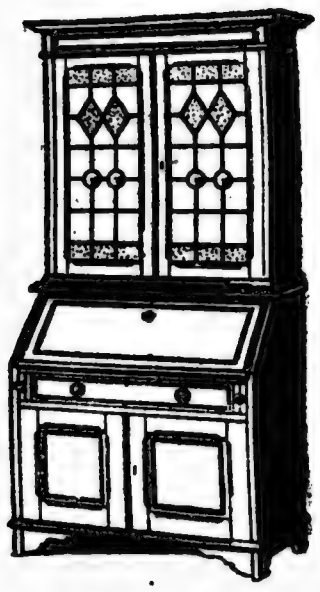

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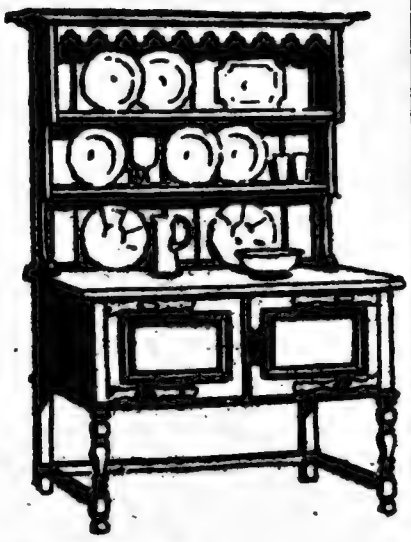

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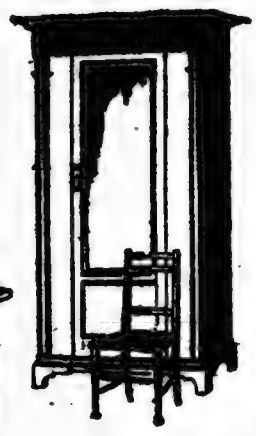

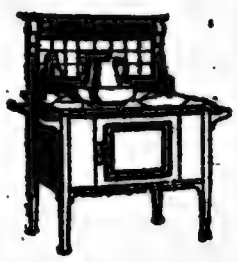

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Mrs. Leathes, the wife of a Toronto professor, has lately given the dear girls a straight talk about Canada. The warning, "Canadian Emigrants, Beware!" has long been familiar to readers of JOHN BULL. It has mainly been directed to men, with the object of persuading them rather "to bear those ills they have than fly to others they know not of." According to Mrs. Leathes, it ought equally to be addressed to women. Not that it would have been heeded by them, for the girls have somehow got it into their obstinate little heads that Canada is a happy hunting-ground for husbands. Therefore, thousands of quite nice girls have hurled themselves into Canada with the fixed determination to get married. Most of them do—sooner or later. But what are the consequences? Not so bad for the women who have been used to hard work and a rough life in England. They merely change their geographical situation—not their conditions of living, bar the marriage yoke. But for the refined and educated English girl Canada is hell—to use an expressive Americanism. Hundreds of them, ignorant of the conditions of life in remote districts, marry ranchers, are gradually driven insane through solitude, and finish up in the Canadian lunatic asylums.

THE VEILED WOMAN.

By the way, I daresay you read about that American, a Dr. Hellyer, of Baltimore, who married a woman whose face he did not see until after the ceremony was concluded. Luckily for him, when the lady's face was unwrapped it exceeded his expectations. But what a risk! Would you call him plucky or potty? But you must remember it happened in America, where divorce is easy. To be quite candid, I do not think that a view of the face *alone* is sufficient to give a particular man complete confidence. That's why the pretty chorus girls get off so easily. They do let the boys see what they are as far as they dare.

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To-day is published the result of a series of startling and successful experiments by Mr. Edwards, Royal Hair Specialist, which will rank as the most valuable in the history of the Science of Hair Culture.

Royalty in nearly every Court of Europe has recognised the work of Mr. Edwards, as has every Society in which beauty and appearance count for anything. Also—a fact which gives him incentive to further effort—millions of the public have used his wonderful preparation and method to add to the beauty of their hair and smartness of appearance.

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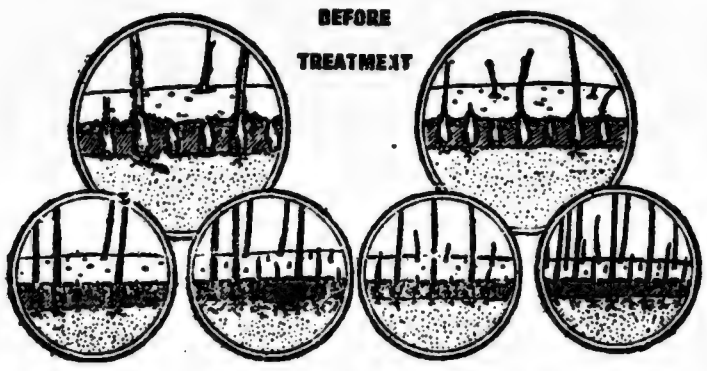

Drawings of a Horse's Hair. In the first, note the few coarse but starving hairs and the bare patches with choked-up hair follicles, the result of neglect and hair disease. The second shows a remarkable change after one day's Harlene Hair-Drill. Note the healthier look of the few growing hair shafts. The third shows the remarkable change after consistent Harlene Hair Drill.

Compare these drawings of the human hair. The first shows the hair thinned away. Note several of the hair shafts have lost their natural colour; see how one is gradually being choked to death by scurf. How the daily adoption of Harlene Hair-Drill does really grow hair is shown in the second and third illustrations, where the hair can be seen awakening to abundant, luxuriant vitality.

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With particulars of his extremely interesting experiments Mr. Edwards will send to everyone whose hair is weak or falling a complete outfit for practising "Harlene" Hair-Drill.

THE GIFT—AND HOW TO GET IT.

To all sending the coupon below, duly filled in and posted with 3d. in stamps to cover carriage, the Edwards' "Harlene" Co., 104, High Holborn, London, W.C., will send immediately:

(1) A trial bottle of "Harlene," the great hair tonic and dressing.

(2) A packet of "Cremex," the refreshing, invigorating Shampoo Powder, which renders the scalp scurf-free.

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Ladies who almost despaired of ever again having rich and abundant hair, to-day glory in their flowing tresses. Gentlemen who saw with dread the day approaching when they would be totally bald, now laugh to scorn the idea of even thinning hair.

For the "Harlene Hair-Drill" results are **permanent.**

Hair poverty to-day is a reproach. It stamps a woman as passée—a man as growing old before his time.

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"JOHN BULL," NOV. 29th, 1913.

"John Bull's" Letter Bag.

The EDITOR replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.

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CORRESPONDENTS, when writing regarding previous communications which they may have addressed to us, should always mention the nature of the matter therein referred to. Owing to the great increase in the number of INQUIRIES *received, consequent upon the continual growth in our circulation, it is no longer possible to answer them all in "Letter Bag," and* ONLY THOSE OF GENERAL INTEREST *will be noticed. The Editor will, of course, still be grateful for information, "biscuit" material, newspaper cuttings, etc.*

AUTHORS and ARTISTS *submitting MSS. and drawings for consideration must write name and address upon the back of their work. The Editor cannot accept any responsibility for the safe custody of MSS., etc., so forwarded, but will endeavour to return unaccepted work* WHEN STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS ATTACHED TO THE MANUSCRIPT. ALL MATTER SUBMITTED MUST BE ORIGINAL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. *The most suitable lengths for articles and stories are about 750 words (one column), or 1,500 words (a page).*

The EDITOR *cannot express any opinion upon the value of postage stamps, old china, pictures, coins, books, etc.*

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CORRESPONDENTS desiring INFORMATION *should place their questions in* CONCISE *form and refrain from sending* VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTS, *at any rate until asked for them. The Editor is quite unable to devote the time necessary for perusing and considering the scores of folios which correspondents sometimes send.*

For Financial and Insurance Replies, see page 836.
For Sporting Replies, see page 840.

"Not Squeamish."—You certainly are!

"Ajax" (Barnes) would like to possess a file of this journal from its commencement. We have much pleasure in encouraging so laudable an ambition, and will forward any letters which may be addressed here containing offers of the whole or part.

A. J. F. (Limehouse).—As your father is in hospital, he is not entitled to sickness benefit unless he has someone dependent upon him.

W. H. R. (Deal).—Wait for the "Business Government Handbook," and then you will know our constructive policy.

J. P. B. (Manchester).—Glad you "came into the world to clear out all vermin" and are "succeeding very well."

A. E. (Caterham Hill).—Have already warned readers against the fountain pen tout who nobbles people as they come out of the post office. For once, you had him.

F. H. (Birmingham).—The London Jewellery Syndicate, Barbican Court, London, E.C., are an impudent firm of advertising tricksters.

H. S. M. (Blaenavon).—We have noticed the threat of Ald. S. N. Jones, of Newport, that if any Sunday golfers belong to the county churches of Monmouthshire, "out they will go." Jones is one of the Welsh killjoys we should like to see bunkered.

Geo. S. (Faversham).—Your enthusiasm about amateur poultry farming because you've "sold as many as two dozen eggs a week in summer" to your fellow clerks is hereby noted, and unless you curb your proud spirit, one of these days we shall expect to hear of your sitting on the wood chopper and trying to hatchet.

F. W. M. (Manchester).—Note that the "Wonderful Water" is sent on receipt of 2s. with order, *if approved*. That means you will have to supply householders' guarantees. Meanwhile, they have got your two shillings. Savvy?

J. A. (Bethnal Green).—You may have thought that what you sent us would make a very good "Bull's-Eye," but, unfortunately, we do not think the same. Better luck next time, perhaps.

"Old Harry" (Johannesburg).—Not *the* Old Harry, we hope? We are thinking out a competition for our overseas readers. So your local papers print "borrowed" extracts from our pages without acknowledgment. We don't mind. Anybody can identify John Bull stuff when they see it.

W. H. T. (Islington, N.).—Quite right about those "Competition Solutionists," and if Cole, of Barford, Wymondham, Norfolk, specialises, as he claims, in "Bullets," why doesn't he win one of our first prizes?

S. J. S. (Margate).—Oh, yes, we know there is a lot in the Bible against strong drink, but it is addressed to drunkards and "they that tarry long at the wine." There is nothing against a man having a glass in moderation. Indeed, the indulgence is commended, as we have already pointed out. What's yours?

J. G. (Tenby).—Any local steamship agent will give you the names of shipowners trading to Canada and Australia.

"An Athlete," (Luton) writes in praise of the athletic girl, saying she is "a man's best companion, married or single." We prefer them single. It is safer.

F. W. M. (Manchester).—We know enough about "The Braunt Co.," of Glasgow, to advise you to be particularly coy in your dealings with them.

C. W. S. (Newcastle).—You may take it that gold stamped 9.375 is genuine 9 c't, the lowest grade to which the hall mark is affixed.

H. T. (Co. Meath) writes: "Talk about 9d. for 4d.—have you noticed the '5th Quarter' on the current insurance card? Please give Lloyd George a dog biscuit." We have already noticed and commented upon it. It is not worth a puppy cake.

S. A. B. (Swansea).—We cannot say whether it is possible to learn to operate the bioscope in three weeks. It all depends on the student. Some people we have met could not learn it in donkey's years. We fancy the market is already overcrowded.

J. L. (South Shields).—We note that the Westminster Bridge Road people are inviting you to take a course of study entitled "Key to the development of the inner forces," price 20s. Why not take a box of Beecham's Pills instead, at 1s. 1½d. per box?

"Materfamilias" (Bournemouth).—Send the water-colours to Christie's and ask them if they are worth putting in their auction room. Their reply will give you an idea as to value. We believe the Royal Hungarian Lottery is all right, but prizes rarely come to England. Much depends upon the agents.

Madame Van E. (London, W.C.).—Don't you think it a little mean to object to paying 3s. for the recovery of your lost typewriter? Neglect adequately to reward honesty places a premium on dishonesty. As for saying you want to sue somebody, don't talk nonsense.

H. C. A. (Tooting Bec, S.W.) points out that there is a notice on Brighton beach opposite Madeira Hall stating that undressing on the beach is permitted to bathers within the space of a hundred yards or so. Now those dear ladies with field glasses and telescopes who are so easily shocked will know where not to look.

J. L. (Southampton).—We are afraid yours is not a case we can take up, although, as you say, you are "has armless as a cat, full of sport and hard work." If you wear flowers in your hat you must expect people to look curiously at you.

"Punch" (London, W.C.).—If you want to start a small newspaper shop write to the managers of the papers you think you could sell.

"Brynon" (near Swansea).—The mail. order business is no good for this country. Shops are too accessible for all.

A. W. T. (Loughborough).—The legal way to change your name is by the execution of a "deed poll," which costs about £5. For general purposes, however, it is sufficient to advertise your intention in the newspapers. But what's in a name? We have put up with ours for years.

A. S. (Newcastle) asks: "What would you think of a religious paper that betrayed a confidence?" That we were fools to have trusted it.

E. L. (East Ham).—On the other hand, madame, if you and others would only think for a moment you would realise that a firm would not be likely to send a parcel of drapery, said to be worth £1, to a stranger, on payment of 2s. deposit, without first making inquiries and obtaining guarantees for the payment of the after instalments.

E. A. W. (Tilly, Alberta).—You recently "wanted a number of men—a cook at £18 a mo., a blacksmith at £20, and 4 teamers at £8, and after driving into the R.R., a distance of 60 miles, in order to get them, and after five days' search had to return without the teamers." If you had advertised you could have got half a thousand.

E. G. (Victoria, B.C.).—By same mail as that which brought the letter of E. A. W. (Tilly, Alberta) we have yours stating, "There is a lot of men out of work here. Three hundred men applied for a carpenter's job the other day."

F. H. (Gainsboro').—You wish to know the height of Mr. J. B Joel? The only time we took his measure was in the Le Blizon *v.* Sundridge match.

F. S. (Redcar).—Myopia can be relieved only by the use of specially constructed lenses, and sometimes not even then. A man of your education should have known this and refrained from throwing your money away on quack remedies.

Do You Want a Fine Plump Xmas Turkey? How to get one—see page 838.

"CYMRO DEWR" (Treorchy).—If those in favour of breaking up your club are in the proportion of 15 to 12, we should say that the sooner it is smashed up the better. We don't call that a club, but a Welsh apology for one. Surely the minority can form a club of their own afterwards.

"VICTIM" (England).—The fact that a man committed murder before his marriage, and was never found out, is no ground for divorce in the present state of the law.

C. A. W. (Aberdeen).—We are not acquainted with the firm, who, you say, sell instruments "for douching the intestines." Although we do not make a practice of douching our intestines, we should think an instrument for that purpose could be obtained through any chemist, even in Scotland.

W. W. (Toronto).—Your suggestion that we should start a "JOHN BULL Colonial Employment Bureau in London and other large centres, similar to the British Welcome League" in your city, has been considered, but we cannot undertake to act upon it. Thanks all the same.

W. S. (Ashton-under-Lyne).—We have never disguised our opinion about the Street Betting Act, but there it is, and everybody knows all about it. If people will take the risk it is obvious they must take the consequences.

A. T. H. (East Molesey).—You appear to have been harshly treated, but it is a matter which we do not see our way to take up.

H. R. (Burnley) would like very much to obtain a position in the British Museum as a guide, and wants to know how to go about it. If we were hungering for such a post we would write to the Assistant Secretary.

A. M. (Highbury, N.) sends us some verses which he confesses are his first attempt. We suspected as much. Let them also be his last.

E. H. S. (Mitcham).—We see nothing in the handbill to deserve a biscuit. Read the sentence again.

"WORKER" (Caledonian Road).—We are sorry for you and your mates. The lot of the railway carmen is anything but a happy one. Wake your trade union up.

F. A. R. and C. W. (Sutton) walked from London to Kettering to work in a mine there. After working hard for two hours they found they "had only earned 1s. 6d. each." Not so bad. Evidently they are not miners, and the two hours' toil broke their spirits.

"NURSE'S AUNT."—Why do you worry us with an anonymous letter containing such serious charges against a public institution? We do not think Messrs. Selfridge are aware that the stationery in their reception and writing rooms is being used for such purposes.

A. H. B——P (Junjur, India).—Don't quite understand what you mean by saying the new game as played in India is "to entice subscriptions from the philanthropists, photograph the most miserable specimens of humanity to be found, develop, and send copies of this abroad to America, Australia, England, with a covering letter describing in detail the miseries that surround Darkest India. As subscriptions pour in the sums should be banked, and on no account should a pice of this go to actual charity." The game seems as queer as it is new, but what are you driving at?

M. AND CO. (Nottingham).—Sorry, but it is not possible to interfere in your business relations with other firms.

MRS. T. F. H. (London, W.).—You are at liberty, legally, to assume without notice to anyone any surname you please, but of course you could not bind your children to assume it on their reaching years of discretion. An announcement in the newspapers is the usual method, or for a small fee a solicitor would prepare a more formal deed poll.

G. W. C. MACN. (Medicine Hat) tells us that the land at Medicine Hat recently advertised is situated about five miles from the centre of the town, and is not likely to be available for building for the next ten years. Is it to be assumed, then, that anybody who buys land at Medicine Hat will be a fat head?

A. A. (Dewsbury).—Time after time we have warned our readers to have no dealings with W. Plant and Co., the incandescent mantle merchants.

"TRADER" (Buxton).—Can we give you "a little advice on borrowing money?" No, but Shakespeare can. "Neither a borrower nor a lender be, for loan oft loses both itself and friend, and borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry." If we recommended you to a respectable firm to borrow from they would print our opinion in tremendous gilt letters on all their note-headings and circulars; wherefore excuse us.

"22S. A WEEK" (Herts).—The author of the article, "The Unwanted Child," is a doctor who has since gone abroad, and whose address consequently is not available. But that's no reason why you should have another child if you can't afford it.

"NEMO" (Penarth).—We know lots of people who sell things on the hire system, from houses to tabby cats, but surely in these days cabs may be bought outright for a mere song.

A. G. (Edgware).—What can we tell you about any British School of Motoring except that it professes to teach motoring for a fee, and that probably it does so? If it did not it would be rendering itself liable to prosecution for obtaining money under false pretences.

T. W. (South Moor).—You also wish to know where Mr. Lloyd George's rare and refreshing fruit comes in? Spare us, dear friend.

W. S. (Manchester).—Your proposed new playing cards for the elimination of chance in card games are ingenious, as far as we can judge by the specification, but the elimination of chance would probably eliminate the interest. Cards as pure skill would be a very tame amusement.

H. B. L. (Egremont).—Accept our appreciation of the efforts of self and good wife on our behalf.

MRS. E. H. P. (Kettering) says that though she sent 15s. 3d. for silk to Messrs. Samuel Lewis and Co., 58, Holborn, several months ago, they have not sent the silk to her nor returned the money, despite that she has written to them repeatedly. We are afraid many other people are in the same position.

R. A. D. (Vernon, B.C.).—The newspaper picture you send us, showing a British fishing-boat towing a lost torpedo, for a reward of £5, incites you to ask whether this is "a sample of the wastefulness or liberality of the Admiralty." We will consult Mr. Churchill, the First Lord.

F. A. (Blackpool).—The testimonial your employers gave you after you had "risen from office boy to chief cashier" is not a very illuminating document, but we think it is a conscientious and well-meaning one. Certainly we have seen many "good" testimonials worse than yours.

P. R. (Leeds).—You are by no means the only business man put to inconvenience, annoyance and loss through the delay of the Post Office to put in a telephone.

"IKE" (Grimsby).—"Dealer at solo whist gives cards," you say. "First hand proposes. Second and third hands pass. Dealer goes solo. Has the first hand another call—either *misere* or abundance?" Certainly, says our card expert. First hand calls again.

W. R. D. (Birmingham).—You ask us if we know anything of Capt. Walter Rand. We know so much of him that he makes us tired. He is a fraud, a humbug, and, as you say, "a damned nuisance."

H. W. S. (Leytonstone).—It is probably what the lawyers would call a moot point whether the London General Omnibus Co. is liable for one of their vehicles squirting mud on your new suit while you were walking on the pavement. They would say they didn't put the mud there, and would probably argue that you should sue the scavenger department of the L.C.C. or the manager of the sky waterworks for squandering the rain supply. Next time you go out in a new suit, put on overalls.

C. S.—Have tried your alleged joke up and down, backwards and forwards, standing on end, and in a recumbent position, and it doesn't contain enough laugh to tickle our funny bone. Tell it to the nearest policeman, but don't blame us if you get run in.

J. W. (Brighton).—He was a very wicked employer for persuading you to have all your teeth drawn and then refraining from keeping his promise to pay for a new set; also for not paying you the promised 6d. a week extra in wages. Apparently he has had the pull of you all along. What a pity there are no means of making him stump up!

W. A. (Sunderland).—"Is there an hell beyond the tomb, In which through everlasting doom The lost souls rave, From out of which heartrending cries, Unheard yet still continuous rise, Eternally?" We have so heard it rumoured, but we believe the report is wholly unfounded.

W. G. C. (Oswestry).—Duties set out in printed detail appear more appalling than they often turn out to be. Besides, she says "state wages," so that a sailor has the choice of taking the job of handy man to this Chatham lady at his own price or of leaving it alone.

E. H. (S. Farnboro').—We can give no information respecting the Australian Flying Corps. Write to the Military Adviser, Maj. P. N. Buckley, R.A.E., Australian Commonwealth Offices, 72, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

"ENGLISHMAN."—You ask "Why not license the credit system of trading for the purposes of national revenue? Tell us first whether this is an effort to get even with the Welsh and the Hebrews. As to whether we shall exclude the Hebraic dispensation from our Business Government, do you mind repeating your question when his Majesty calls on us to form it?

X. Y. Z.—"Is there more than one edition of JOHN BULL each week?" Not more than one edition, but we very often have to reprint to supply unexpected orders.

H. B. J. (Islington).—We cannot tell you whether he would be eligible to compete. Such questions should be addressed to the Civil Service Commissioners.

(A large number of replies are held over.)

"Bullets" Great Christmas Offer this week. 6,323 Prizes, Value Over £2,000, to be Won.

Bull's Eyes.

NOTES OF INTERROGATION:—

Aren't our canals in very low water just now?
Hasn't the Church any cleaning to do at home?
Are you having a shot at those birds on page 838?
Does the Kaiser think the Tango's a step too far?
Wasn't there more than one Larkin' at the Albert Hall?
Won't the only postmen's strike be the usual "rat-tat"?
Won't the suffragette "No rent" strike result in a "lock-out"?
Is "Dam the expense" what the Radical papers are saying to Winston?
If Gaby spends £14,000 a year on dress, oughtn't she to get more for it?
Was the woman who threw the hammer at the Old Bailey trying to catch the judge's eye?
Will the cinema pictures of the Army show both "positive" and "negative" aspects of the life?

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Doubtless Mr. Larkin agrees that he is a no-tory-us character.

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Lie-a-bed won a race at Warwick. The other horses couldn't "get up" in time.

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A further rise in the price of champagne is likely. This will cause real pain to some.

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Print was the name of a winner at Doncaster. Evidently the animal is the right stuff.

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A new book is called "Oranges and Lemons." The very title makes one's mouth water.

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"Some people are born smart," says Mrs. Alec Tweedie. Yes, and they make others smart.

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An American has erected a memorial to Adam, the Father of Humanity. Adam silly idea.

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A football piece called "The Game" has been produced with success. Not an easy thing to play.

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Mr. R. G. Knowles began his career in a draper's shop. And has continued telling stories ever since.

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A horse which will only eat boards was mentioned in a High-gate case. Perhaps it is a wooden one.

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The Vicar of Southend objects to the poster of "Splash Me," a music-hall turn. He obliges—with mud.

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There are 30,000 notices to quit served in Dublin every year. Yet they call the Irish a "shiftless" race!

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The rates at Walton-on-the-Naze are 20s. in the pound. They should re-name it Walton-through-the-Nose.

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"The young girl is getting restless," says the Rev. W. M. Weston. Yes, she is in a hurry to "get off."

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A motorist, fined for excessive speed, said it was a matter of life or death. So it was, for the poor pedestrian.

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Lloyd George's shepherd is in prison again for robbing a church at Whitby. He should have made it a Welsh one.

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Some alarming examples of the slashed skirt have been seen in Coventry. The boys won't mind being sent there.

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"The Pursuit of Pamela," at the Royalty, was an immediate success. Evidently the lady is in for a long "run."

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Explosive letters are the latest form of outrage. Just the thing when you want to give a man a "blowing up."

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"Satan" was the name of a native witness in a Johannesburg Police Court case. Did he make it hot for the accused?

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A French aviator, who tried to pawn his aeroplane, was surprised to find it would "raise" nothing, not even the wind.

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A black cat strayed into the White House and has been adopted by President Wilson. Yet they say cats have no sense!

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At Southsea, an electrophone has been connected with the Home of Comfort for the Dying. Well, it would reconcile us.

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Perhaps the by-election reverses were due to *George* Larkin.

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The X-rays at Reading revealed a growth in the Unionist Party.

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What is that which divides and multiplies at the same time?—A knife.

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"Twenty years in bed," we read. But many live on tick all their lives.

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Prison warders are forming a trade union. Convicts are hoping for a lock-out.

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Perhaps Mr. Bonar Law is hoping to play the Insurance Act out with a voluntary.

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A Futurist poet says woman has absolutely gone out of poetry. Is she among the pro's.?

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Women are to be admitted to a Masonic Lodge in New Zealand. Then the secret will soon be out.

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"Give me a man with guts," demands General Bethune. We offer him Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

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Bananas are growing in the palm house at Kew. But they can be seen in the palm anywhere.

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"Are our winters later?" asks a contemporary. Some are delayed through a broken spring.

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In Pittsburg, chorus girls under 21 years are not allowed. Here we do not care for them under 40.

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During October twenty-four tons of mussels were condemned at Billingsgate. The mussels were too strong.

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The Member for East Birmingham has had a visit from burglars. But they did not Steel Maitland.

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A new play is to be called "Plaster Saints." We hope no one will refer to it with a cold in the head.

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An elephant's hide has been used for the manufacture of pocket books. Handy for registering trunk calls.

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The speed limit at Hyde Park Corner has been fixed at ten miles an hour. It's a bit faster at Piccadilly Circus.

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"Architects continue to design windows that are not accessible." But you can still throw the man out at the door.

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"A foul brood" is Mr. Larkin's description of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Anyway, they are not chicken-hearted.

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Dr. Hugonencq, of Lyons, declares that the ideal food for man is—man. We would rather have a little duck—on toast.

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Wagner, says Mr. Ernest Newman, was marked out for unhappiness from his cradle. He got even with the world in the end.

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"Sport is a bad marriage market," says Dr. Claye Shaw. Yes, the girl who likes a game with the boys is not a desirable wife.

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Mrs. H. B. Irving talks about the necessity of more change for a hard-worked mother. Hard-worked father says she gets all his.

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Miss Cicely Hamilton thinks the artist's real reward is his good opinion of himself. Then aren't some of them richly rewarded!

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According to Lavater, "whatever is in the mind is communicated to the mouth." And what you put in the mouth often goes to the head.

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"The cause of the trouble is that I am cutting my teeth," said a woman charged with drunkenness. The usual toothful would have been nearer the mark.

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Teacher (examining home lessons): "What do you mean by saying a thousand pounds invested at two-and-a-quarter per cent. equals per annum a wicked waste of good money?"

Young Isaacstein (blubbering): "Please—er—I asked father about that sum, and that was his answer."

"Bullets" Second Prize Increased to £100 this week. See page 838.

ANOTHER FOOTBALL CONTEST—IMPORTANT NEW RULE.

Our Prizes up again! £1,800

FOR AN ALL-CORRECT FOOTBALL COUPON

IMPORTANT NEW RULE.

If you predict a draw you must CROSS OUT BOTH TEAMS, instead of, as heretofore, not crossing out either team. This new rule is made to facilitate our work of adjudication and to further prevent any possibility of fraud.

£500
IF ONE ERROR ONLY.

£400
If two errors only.

£300
for best forecast if more than two errors.

£100
For next best forecast if more than 2 errors

£50 & £20
for two best forecasts on Mauve Coupon.

The RULES and
COUPON
will be found
on
PAGE 2 of COVER.

This week we commence another great Football skill contest. More and bigger prizes are offered, including the Record Prize of **£1,800** for an all-correct coupon, and two special Mauve Coupon prizes. Already this season we have awarded the enormous sum of **£4,800** for Football Skill. The coupon will be found on page 2 of our cover, but

BEFORE MAKING YOUR FORECASTS READ THE NEW RULE ABOVE.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

Is to forecast the results of the League Games to be played on Saturday, **DECEMBER 20th,** given on the Entrance Form on page 2 of our cover. Draw your pen plainly through the name of the team you think will lose. If you predict a draw, **CROSS OUT BOTH TEAMS.**

£1,800 will be paid to the Competitor sending us an Entrance Form containing correct forecasts of all the matches given, played to a finish.

ABANDONED MATCHES MAKE NO DIFFERENCE.

Should it happen that no Entrance Form be received giving the whole of the correct results **£500** will be paid to the competitor whose coupon shows **one error only.**

If no coupon is received containing one error only, then the cash prize of **£400** will be paid to the Competitor whose coupon shows only **two errors.**

If neither the £1,800, nor the £500, nor the £400 is won, **we shall in any event award four distinct cash prizes which must be won,** i.e., **£300** to the Competitor sending in the most correct forecasts, even if the number be only 8 or 10, and **£100** to the sender of the next best coupon and two special mauve coupon prizes—one of **£50** to the sender of the most correct forecasts on a mauve coupon taken from "Mary Bull," and one of **£20** to the next highest correct forecast on a mauve coupon. In any event two big cash prizes must be won by "Mary Bull" coupons.

In the event of either the £1,800, £500 or the £400 prize being won, the £300 and the £100 prizes will of course not be awarded.

The competition is one of pure skill and competitors should make a point of studying the football columns of the daily papers:—

We now give with the entrance form on page 2 of cover a duplicate coupon. This is provided solely for the convenience of competitors desirous of keeping a record of their efforts. It must on no account be sent in, and will not be accepted as proof of forecasts made on the Entrance Form.

Our system of checking the Entrance Forms of competitors is as perfect as human ingenuity can make it. Fraud is rendered absolutely impossible, whilst all risk of a coupon being overlooked is, by our elaborate arrangements, totally eliminated.

£50 AND £20 MAUVE COUPON PRIZES.

We again offer two special and extra prizes of **£50** and **£20** for the best forecasts sent on a mauve coupon taken from "Mary Bull" and signed by a lady. The sender of a mauve coupon has the same opportunity as JOHN BULL readers of winning the **£1,800,** the **£500** or **£400** or the **£300** and **£100,** but should a mauve coupon not win or share any of these chief prizes—senders of the mauve coupon still have the opportunity of winning **£50** and **£20.** This is a distinct advantage which every lady reader should take advantage of and male readers bring to the notice of their lady friends. The mauve coupon will be found in "Mary Bull," on sale Friday next, November 28th.

After you have filled up your entries for this competition, turn to page 838, where you will find particulars of "Bullets," a simple and attractive Competition which you should not fail to enter. A first prize of £1,000 in cash is offered this week, in addition to more than 6,323 cash and other prizes value over £2,600.

THE "JOHN BULL" FOOTBALL CUP SWEEPSTAKE.

We must refer all readers who have written for particulars of this Sweepstake to Messrs. SMALLMAN & TERRY, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.

LAYS OF A LOWLY LONDONER.

BY BILL THE 'BUSMAN.

A MEEK REPLY TO THE INDIGNANT PRESS.

All 'busmen will agree with me
It would be rude to laugh
At loud complaints about us in
The *Daily Telegraph*.

I feel acutely I am one
To whom the Press refers;
They take us up because we won't
Take up the passengers.

For people waiting on the kerb
We're deaf and have no sight;
It's very wrong on our part if
The folks who write are right.

We ought to touch our hats to fares
And act as if we love them,
Instead of which we hustle them
And from the step we shove them.

But here's a puzzle, and I ask,
With no intent to scoff,
If we let no one on the 'bus,
How can we push them off?

And if we won't pick people up,
And flat refuse to stop,
How is it we get full inside
And also full on top?

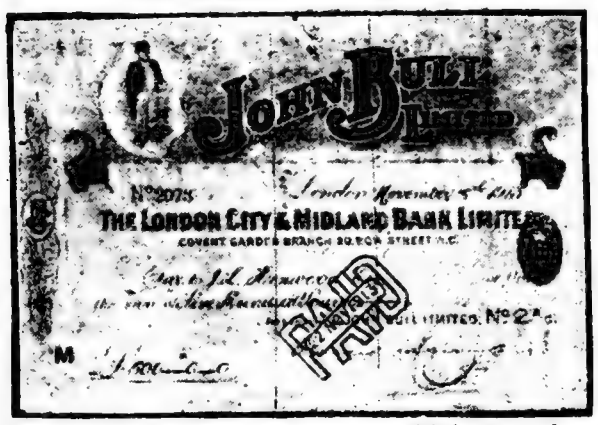
There's some mistake; it must be mine,
Not theirs who get so shirty,
Because we help them climb the stairs
With civil hands—but dirty.

We ought to carry basins, and
Each 'bus should be allowed a
Can full of tepid water, soap,
And jar of vi'let powder.

We ought to learn a smart salute,
And wear a smile seraphic,
And stop at ev'rybody's door—
And hold up all the traffic.

When ladies poke us in the ribs
We never should look glum,
But, if the gamp goes in our eyes,
Say, "Thank you kindly, mum."

Out of our wealth we ought to buy
A book on etiquette—
With study, we may satisfy
The British public yet!



The original of the above cheque will be on view at the premises of Mr. A. G. Warr, 8, Burlington Passage, Birmingham, from November 27th to Dec. 3rd.

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brain, loss of ambition, energy and vitality, loss of weight, have indigestion, constipation, headaches, or suffer from the debilitating effects of tobacco or drink, send for a 2s. 6d. free trial box of Hart's Nurvatone Wafers, and soon you will be well, strong, plump and happy.

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CITY NOTES.

[For Financial and Insurance Letter-Box, see page 836.]

The Stock Markets.

Although there is still a depressed look about the Stock Markets, there are distinct indications of an early improvement. For example, in Home Rails, it is evident that investors are beginning to get over the labour scare, and are being attracted back to the market by the excellent yields now offering. Another feature has been the continued strength of Home Brewery stocks, which are now rapidly recovering the ground lost during the Government raid on the industry. Whenever the Mexican trouble is out of the way, not only Mexican securities, but everything else will probably go ahead. An unjustifiable Bear attack has been made against the leading Kaffir Gold Mining shares, and all sorts of pessimistic forecasts are in circulation concerning the coming half-yearly dividends. So far the Durban Roodepoort and New Heriot dividends have been announced unchanged, and it is not unlikely that a good many of the others will also be maintained, or only slightly reduced. In that case there is a possibility of a sharp Bear squeeze, especially in such shares as Rand Mines and Modderfontein. The future of the rubber market still hangs in the balance, and there have been further dividend reductions, but the share market is holding up wonderfully well, no doubt largely due to the existence of a Bear account, but it will evidently take the Rubber Growers' Association a very long time to get the principal companies into line. We fear there are too many wheels within wheels and private interests to be recognised. The oil share market took a back seat for a few days, owing to some financial stringency in St. Petersburg. It is now coming up smiling again, chiefly because the North Caucasian has struck another gusher, while the Bibi-Eybat is expected to pay a dividend shortly. There is, moreover, still a good deal of life in the Egyptian Oil division, and perhaps systematic development will render this oilfield of considerable use to the Empire, but, in any case, the Oil market is the one with the greatest potentialities.

What is a Million?

We talk airily of millions, but very few people have any conception what a million really means. Some business men gathered together recently were asked how high a million banknotes placed on top of each other, flat from the press, would reach. The guesses ranged from 7 to 20 feet, and when they were told that the pile would reach about 12 feet higher than the Monument there was an incredulous smile until the problem was worked out in quarter inches. Canadians, especially, are recommended to ponder over this little parable and a few of them may be impressed even if they think in dollars instead of sterling.

Still There's More to Follow.

According to the statistics compiled by the Editor of the *Monetary Times of Canada*, the Canadian public loans floated in London up to the end of October this year amounted to £33,371,000, which compares with £29,150,000 in the corresponding period last year, with £4,022,000 in 1907, and with £6,427,000 in 1906. That is not a bad record for a population of seven or eight millions. In addition to public loans, the Canadian Pacific Railway alone has raised nearly £22,000,000 this year, and other borrowers have probably asked for at least £15,000,000 or £20,000,000. Call the total for the year £80,000,000 and we shall be under rather than over the mark. It is an enormous amount to lend to a population of less than eight millions—Red Indians included! But there is, apparently, no limit to the appetite of these good people for British money, even although none of it is yet being diverted to the construction of the three magnificent (paper) Dreadnoughts which so rejoiced the hearts of our addlepated Jingoes and Chauvinists. Last week we had our old friend the City of Montreal making its third appeal this year for a trifle of a million and a-half, and there is great jubilation because the stock was put to a small premium, and the lists were closed almost as soon as they were opened. Is anyone quite so simple as to be taken in by a childish device like that? We hardly think so, and if you feel you cannot live without some Montreal scrip in your strong box, just wait a bit and you will get the usual discount for cash. In addition to Montreal, two Canadian industrials between them wanted a million, but we would not put their chances very high, and the terms are not worth discussing. Toronto, Winnipeg and many other cities will be coming along shortly, and what the result must be can be discerned even through the big end of a telescope.

Out-Harroding Harrods.

At the time Harrods Stores, Limited, formed their Buenos Aires subsidiary, we remarked that we shrewdly suspected that "a certain well-known City group" were "pulling the strings behind the scenes" and strongly advised our readers to have nothing to do with their latest project. It will be remembered that the prospectus stated that shareholders in Harrods Stores and Harrods Stores Founders' Shares Company would have preferential allotment of the 600,000 cumulative preference, the 600,000 ordinary and the 240,000 deferred shares then offered for subscription. But the underwriting of this issue at a commission of 5 per cent. and an overriding commission of 1 per cent. with certain rights, was given to Messrs. Cohen, Laming, Goschen and Co. and not offered to shareholders. This issue was, of course, subscribed many times over, as might have been expected, and the sum of £72,000 is now charged in the accounts for underwriting commission. Questioned at the Statutory meeting of the company last week as to why it was necessary in the case of a company of the standing of Harrods to pay the commission, the Chairman replied that "the directors did not feel justified in asking for that large amount of capital unless it was underwritten." If the directors thought so little of the claims of the company to public support, or of the belief in its merits by investors in Harrods Stores, Limited, their readiness to give preferential allotment to their own shareholders would seem to be a piece of sheer bluff. Asked why the underwriting had not been given to shareholders, the Chairman stated that "it would have been utterly impossible to have sent a circular to the shareholders to inquire whether they wished to participate." Why? Every shareholder, so the prospectus stated, was favoured with a prospectus, and we cannot see how it could have been "utterly impossible" to have enclosed an underwriting application form in it. Asked, further, who were the underwriters, the Chairman stated that "many firms—some hundreds of underwriters—in the City participated." This was an ingenuously evasive answer. Some hundreds of *sub*-underwriters may have *participated* in the underwriting; but, according to the prospectus, there was only one firm which underwrote the issue, and this was the firm of Cohen, Laming, Goschen and Co., 14, Austin Friars, London, E.C. Nothing was there said about any other underwriters or sub-underwriters. Everything seems to confirm the view we expressed at the time, that the strings were being pulled behind the scenes.

Eagle Insurance Co.

Our readers will be aware that we recently dealth with the abortive proposals for the absorption of this old-established company by the Yorkshire Insurance Co., and now comes the announcement that the Right Hon. Lord Cottesloe and the Right Hon. Sir William Hart Dyke have resigned their seats upon the Board. Their places are to be taken by the Right Hon. William Hayes Fisher, M.P., of Investment Registry fame, and Mr. Horace Peal. And whilst on the subject of the Investment Registry, we observe a recent addition to its directorate in the person of Lord Knollys. We should have preferred, however, a business man with some knowledge of City affairs.

Another Rand Scandal.

What is the matter with Brakpan Mines? At the end of March the price of the shares was 4½, and it has recently been round about 2½, or exactly half. In the meantime the value of the ore put through the mill has fallen from 30s. (it averaged 30s. 9d. for the whole of last year) to 25s. 6d., and the profit per ton has dropped from 12s. 6d. to 6s. 10d. Recently various sinister rumours have been in circulation, and the gravamen of the charge is that, owing to poor developments, the management had the ore reserves checked last August, with the result that the official estimates have to be reduced by nearly 600,000 tons, and the average assay value by about 1s. per ton. This seems to us sufficiently serious to require the prompt attention of the Board either in denying the rumours or giving a clear exposition of the present condition of the mine.

NEW ISSUE.

On the next page particulars will be found of an issue of preference shares by the Searle Unburstable Inner Tube Company. The invention which the Company has been formed to exploit would seem to be one which should appeal to all users of pneumatic tyres. A report has been obtained from the Advisory Committee of the London Chamber of Motor Experts, which expresses a very favourable view of the merits of the tube. The preference shares, in addition to a fixed seven per cent., participate in the profits and appear to be an attractive speculative investment.

"Bullets" Mammoth Christmas Box. £1,000 for the Best Bullet. This Week Only.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The Subscription List will open on Tuesday, the 25th day of November, and close on Thursday, the 27th day of November, 1913.

The SEARLE UNBURSTABLE INNER TUBE Co., Ltd.

(Incorporated under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908.)

CAPITAL — — — £75,000;

Divided into 55,000 7 per cent. Participating Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each, and 20,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each.

PRESENT ISSUE.

The whole of the 55,000 Preference Shares are now offered for subscription, payable as follows:

On application	1s. per share.	Two calendar months after allotment	5s. per share.
On allotment..	4s. ,, ,,	Three calendar months after allotment	5s. ,, ,,
One calendar month after allotment	5s. ,, ,,		

The Preference Shareholders will be entitled, out of the profits of the Company, to a cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum. The remaining profits which it may be decided to distribute in dividends in any year will be divided into two moieties. If and when the whole of the 55,000 Preference Shares of £1 each are paid up the holders will be entitled to one of such moieties; but until that happens they will only be entitled to the proportion of such moiety which the amount paid up on the Preference Shares from time to time bears to £55,000. The holders of the Ordinary Shares will be entitled to the residue (if any) of the last mentioned moiety and the whole of the other moiety.

On a winding up the assets available for distribution amongst Shareholders will be applied: first, in repayment of the amount paid up or credited as paid up on the Preference Shares; secondly, in repayment of the amount paid up or credited as paid up on the Ordinary Shares; and if there shall be any surplus, the same will be divided into two moieties. The Preference Shareholders will be entitled to such a proportion of one moiety as the amount paid up on the Preference Shares bears to £55,000; and the residue (if any) of such moiety and the whole of the other moiety will belong to the Ordinary Shareholders.

Every share, Preference or Ordinary, will carry one vote.

DIRECTORS:

CHARLES JARROTT, Governing Director of Jarrott, Ltd., Sackville Street, Piccadilly, London, W. (Chairman.)
CAPTAIN R. W. HARLING, The Grey House, Little Hampden, Great Missenden, Bucks.
CHARLES COCKEON, Director of Roburite and Ammonal, Ltd., Swindon Manor, Cheltenham.
FRANK SEARLE (late Chief Engineer, London General Omnibus Co., Ltd., now of the Daimler Co., Coventry), Golden Green, Keresley, near Coventry.
F. H. HALL, Managing Director of Hall and Searle, Ltd., Claverdon Vicarage, near Warwick.

BANKERS:

LLOYDS BANK, LIMITED, Birmingham (Head Office, 72, Lombard Street, London, and all Branches.)

SOLICITORS TO THE COMPANY:

REDFERN, HUNT AND CO., Colmore Row, Birmingham, and Dauntsey House, Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London, E.C.

BROKERS:

HENRY J. GARRATT AND CO., 3, Great Winchester Street, London, E.C.
F. FERGUSON PAGE AND CO., 32A, Brown Street, Manchester.

AUDITORS:

A. CLIFFORD RIDGWAY, Chartered Accountant, Exchange Buildings, New Street, Birmingham.

SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICES:

B. NEAL, Great Western Buildings, Livery Street, Birmingham.

BUSINESS TO BE ACQUIRED.

The Company has been formed to acquire the business and assets of HALL AND SEARLE, LIMITED, and the Patents belonging to that Company covering the manufacture of THE SEARLE UNBURSTABLE INNER TUBE, granted in the United Kingdom, and the Isle of Man, India, Natal, Cape Colony, Transvaal, Australia, Canada, the United States of America, France, Italy, Belgium and all rights to the Russian application.

Hall and Searle, Limited, was formed as a Company in 1910 with the object of taking up the Searle Unburstable Inner Tube patents and testing the value of the tube in actual use over a prolonged period under the extremely varying conditions under which it would have to work.

The Searle Unburstable Inner Tube is now a perfected article of great utility to every one of the huge number of motor car owners in all parts of the world using pneumatic tyres. The question of repairs had to be investigated, and a commercially sound method of repair has been invented and proved thoroughly satisfactory in general use.

The Searle Unburstable Inner Tube saves the necessity for discarding outer covers merely because they are old. Fitted with a Searle Tube, covers can be run until they are worn into holes through which the bare tube will show, and even in this condition a journey may be safely accomplished without fear of a burst. This is borne out by numerous unsolicited testimonials received from well-known people in all parts of the country, stating they have obtained results unobtainable with any ordinary make of inner tube. Copies of some of these testimonials, together with sections of the tube, are posted with each prospectus.

It is quite possible for an outer cover, which has been thrown away as useless, to be again brought into use in conjunction with a Searle Unburstable Tube, and, without having any repairs whatsoever, to run a further thousand miles or more.

Every Searle Tube for motor cars, large or small, is guaranteed to withstand 80 lbs. pressure per square inch without any cover. Any ordinary tube without a cover would burst at 30 lbs. pressure per square inch.

Searle Tubes soon save their cost in the economy their use effects in the tyre bill, besides which they add to the comfort and safety of motoring.

Every motorist should carry at least one Searle Tube, as apart from the money it will save him in using up old covers which he would otherwise throw away, the Searle Tube will enable him to get home on a cover so badly injured that no ordinary tube could be inflated inside it without bursting.

There is nothing now to prevent an almost immediate output of one thousand tubes per week, if required, given the necessary working capital, and it is estimated that the capital provided by this issue, if fully subscribed, will be sufficient to deal with such an output.

TESTS.

A Searle Tube was officially tested by the Royal Automobile Club fitted to one of the rear driving wheels of a 35 h.p. car weighing about two tons, which ran 4,000 miles on Brooklands Track at an average speed of 28 miles per hour.

After the 4,000 miles was completed, ten holes each of one and a half inches in diameter were cut through the outer cover in which the tube had been used throughout the test, thus exposing it to view through each of the ten holes. With the tyre in this condition the car was run on the road for 100 miles. No ordinary tube could run half a mile under these conditions.

The Searle Tube was tested by the Royal Automobile Club for resiliency against an ordinary inner tube of a well-known make, and it was proved that both tubes were equally resilient.

In May last twelve of the most powerful and heavy of London Taxi-cabs travelled from London to Brighton and back, using a scrap cover and Searle Tube on one of the driving wheels of each cab.

The covers used were in such a deplorable state that no ordinary tube could have been inflated in them without bursting.

With Searle Unburstable Tubes the run of one hundred miles was satisfactorily accomplished, a Report having been obtained from the Advisory Committee of the London Chamber of Motor Experts, consisting of the following well-known practical men: Messrs. D'Arcy Baker, R. W. A. Brewer, Hamilton Hobson, Charles Jarrott, Arthur F. Mulliner, A. S. Mays-Smith and James A. Tinling.

VALIDITY OF PATENTS.

The first British Patent granted for the Searle Tube is No. 28,666 of 1909. This is the principal Patent under which the tube is now manufactured. In February, 1912, a Patent for an Inner Tube was applied for in the British Patent Office. The applicant, through counsel, before the Comptroller-General of Patents attempted to prove that the Searle Patent No. 28,666 of 1909 had been anticipated. The applicant failed in his attempt, and costs were awarded to Hall and Searle, Ltd., the Proprietors of the Patent. There are also three further patents subsidiary to but independent of Patent No. 28,666 of 1909 all relating to the Searle Tube.

The validity of the other Patents, both British and Foreign, which will be acquired by the Company, has not to the Directors' knowledge at any time been challenged.

The Directors believe that the patents cover the only method of commercially manufacturing a satisfactory unburstable inner tube for pneumatic tyres.

EXTRACT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR'S ESTIMATE OF PROFITS.

31st October, 1913.

GENTLEMEN,—If the whole 55,000 Preference Shares is subscribed, I estimate that the new Company will sell 20,000 Tubes during the first year, and make a net profit of £16,000. In subsequent years as the Tube becomes more widely known, I anticipate that both sales and profits will materially increase, a sale of 30,000 Tubes yielding a net profit of £30,000 being a reasonable estimate for the second year.

For the last twelve months Messrs. Hall and Searle, Limited, have received more orders than they have been able to execute.

The U.S.A. Patent in particular promises to yield a greater return than the British Patent, as there are twice as many motor cars in use in the U.S.A. as in Great Britain.

In the figures given above I have not included any return from the foreign patents, which should be very remunerative to the Company.

Yours faithfully, F. H. HALL.

The Directors consider that on a net profit of £16,000 a dividend of 12½ per cent., irrespective of any further dividend from foreign patents, could be paid on the 55,000 shares now offered for subscription, after making all necessary reserves.

It is estimated that the present issue (if fully subscribed) will provide upwards of £30,000 working capital.

The purchase price has been fixed by the Vendors at £36,000, £9,000 of which, representing the amount expended, is allocated by the Vendors to goodwill. £20,000 of the purchase price will be satisfied by the allotment to the Vendors of 20,000 fully-paid Ordinary Shares of £1 each. The balance of £16,000 will be paid or satisfied as follows, that is to say: If not more than 15,000 Preference Shares are subscribed before the Directors go to allotment £5,200 will be paid in cash and the balance satisfied by the allotment to the Vendors of 11,100 Preference Shares of £1 each fully paid If more than 15,000 Preference Shares are subscribed before the Directors go to allotment, then £5,200 will be paid in cash to the Vendors plus half the cash received by the Company in respect of the Preference Shares above 15,000 Shares. Any balance which may be payable will be satisfied by the issue of Preference Shares to the Vendors of a nominal amount equal to the balance due.

The Company is to pay the preliminary expenses of and incident to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount of such preliminary expenses, excluding underwriting commission, is £3,500.

The minimum subscription upon which the Directors may proceed to allotment has been fixed by the Articles of Association at seven shares, but as 15,000 shares have been underwritten, the Company will proceed to allotment on the closing of the list.

The Commission payable in respect of the underwriting of the Preference Shares is at the rate of ten per cent. thereof and such commission is payable by the Company.

Brokerage at the rate of ½d. per share will be paid on shares allotted in respect of applications bearing a Broker's, Solicitor's or Accountant's stamp.

Prospectuses and forms of application can be obtained at the office of the Company or from the Solicitors or Brokers.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1913.

JOHN BULL'S FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE LETTER-BOX.

Letters containing inquiries must be addressed to the City Editor, JOHN BULL, 52, New Broad Street, E.C. The names and addresses of correspondents must be enclosed, not, of course, for publication, but in token of good faith. Anonymous communications will be disregarded.

A Postal Order for 1s. must accompany each Financial or Insurance Inquiry.

MELVILLE, GLYN AND CO. (Paris).—R. S. E. (Hongkong).—Have nothing to do with this firm.

ECONOMIN MOTOR SPIRIT.—BROOKLANDS.—As you have received an allotment we are afraid there is nothing for it but to pay, and are sorry that our warning reached you too late.

INCOME AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION.—W. McD. (St. Andrews).—We have already warned our readers against this concern.

I. H. BOS AND CO.—A. J. W. (Cinderford).—On no account have anything to do with these people. We have frequently dealt with their methods in our columns.

BANKER'S LOAN.—SIMPLEX.—Inasmuch as A. obtained the loan through the influence of his relative, which would not otherwise have been granted to him, we fail to see that he has any ground for complaint; nor does there seem any justification for his assumption that there was a further margin of security for other loans. In future, deal with the "John Bull Bank."

METROPOLITAN AND COUNTIES INVESTORS.—KANGAROO.—No. As regards Cam and Motor, this mine is only about to commence crushing operations, so that it is not in a position yet to pay dividends. In view, however, of the favourable position of the ore reserves and assays, the Company should earn substantial profits as soon as it actually commences crushing operations, and begin to pay dividends in from six to twelve months' time.

BOOTS' QUOTATIONS.—SOX.—There is no regular market for these three issues, but Boots' Drug "A" 7 per cent. Preferred Ordinary £1 shares are quoted at 1⅞ to 1½, and are a fair Industrial holding. (2) A transfer form, duly stamped with the amount corresponding to the purchase consideration, and then lodged at the Company's transfer office, with the usual fee. (3) Effingham Wilson, Royal Exchange, London, E.C., will advise you as to the best handbooks for the purpose.

SILENT MINES.—S. C. (Cornwall).—Nothing is known here of the Nevada Star Mining, and the shares are unmarketable. (2) The mine is closed down, and the shares have no market; the office is at Pinners Hall, Austin Friars, London, E.C. (3) The South Village Deep is also closed down, and there are no dealings in the shares; the London office is at 316-319, Winchester House, E.C.

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.—J. T. J. (Nottingham).—(1) This kind of investment cannot be called "safe." (2) The Company is not to be found in any books of reference. (3) No information is available.

FIVE SECURITIES.—DOROTHY.—We are interested to learn the opinion of the Public Trustee as to an expected rise in prices with the turn of the year, in which we concur. Under these circumstances it would be advisable to hold your securities for the present. At the same time, none of the stocks you mention are first-class. This applies more especially to Mexican Central Securities A Deb. and Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Gold Bonds, and you should take an early opportunity of realising these.

BOOTS' SHARES.—J. G. S. (Petworth).—These shares are a good holding of the Industrial class, but as it is inadvisable to place all your eggs in one basket, instead of further investing in this Company, you should put the money in another Industrial concern. Armstrongs, for instance, yield 6¼ per cent. and Vickers 5½ per cent. per annum.

FRANK SMITHS.—IGNORAMUS.—A quotation of 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. means that you buy at the higher price and sell at the lower, the difference representing the jobber's "turn." At the same time, you will probably find it more satisfactory in the long run to deal direct with London.

BARRIER SOUTH.—ANXIOUS.—It is quite a gamble, and the new Company may prove as disappointing as the old. However, it might be worth while joining the reconstruction on the chance of the new Company making good, if the amount involved is a small one.

GREAT COBAR.—G. P. (Balham).—After the heavy fall it is difficult to advise; but on balance it would be better to hold, on the chance of the agitation now afoot amongst the larger shareholders resulting in an improvement upon the present state of things. We have never been in favour of these shares, as the management has left a good deal to be desired.

DIEPPE SYNDICATE.—T. E. D. (Sutton).—As the concern has not been incorporated in England no information is available regarding its position, and there is no market in the shares. You say that two of the directors are C. Rutlidge and G. Planchet, and that you believe another is George Bernard King. If this catches the eye of a reader who knows something about the concern or its directors, we shall be glad to hear from them.

LIBERATOR BUILDING SOCIETY.—B. G. (Downton).—We have no recent information. Communicate with the Secretary of the Relief Fund, Rev. John Harrison, 41, Memorial Hall Buildings, 16, Farringdon Street, London E.C.

SWINTON TAYLOR-MILLS MUTUAL SELF-HELP MONEY SOCIETY.—ANXIOUS (Swinton).—We have already examined the conditions relating to this class of society and are not favourably impressed. We do not regard it as a desirable repository for the small savings of the working classes, and should prefer the Post Office Savings Bank, notwithstanding the advice of the society to the contrary. The bait of 7½ per cent. to depositors is sufficient in itself to cause a would-be investor to pause. The financial position of the society is not disclosed in any of the circulars you have sent us.

PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF LONDON.—JUSTICE.—Your case is on all-fours with thousands of others. Having allowed your Bond to lapse, the subscriptions are forfeited to the Company, and we do not see that you could hope to be successful in an action against them for a refund of the moneys paid. We fear that all you can do is to put up with the loss.——PARKGATE (Watford).—(1) Yes. (2) No. (3) Subscriptions paid on lapsed investment policies are not recoverable.——W. A. S. (Doncaster).—We do not recommend their investment policies either for investment purposes or in connection with the purchase of house property. You can do better elsewhere.——HAMMERSMITH.—The loan being equal to the amount of the Bond, the subscriptions payable under the loan and the accrued interest thereon will clear off the mortgage at the expiration of the thirtieth year. Subscriptions are not applied in the interim in reduction of the loan, and if you make a payment of £30, to that extent the loan will be reduced and correspondingly lessen the future payment for interest. Whatever sum is paid off the principal in no way affects the subscriptions payable under the Bond, nor is the period of issue affected thereby. The system is an expensive way of buying a house, and better terms can be obtained elsewhere

REFUGE ASSURANCE CO.—J. H. J. (Swansea).—You say that you insured the life of your mother for £100, and a claim having arisen you accepted £25 in settlement, on the ground (a) that it is stated your mother was not a fit subject for life assurance at the time the proposal was taken, and (b) disparity in age. If the Company are able to prove that material information was withheld at the time the proposal was made, they would be justified in refusing to acknowledge the claim, but in the absence of any kind of evidence, we are unable to confirm or otherwise their contention. Yours is a case where it is necessary to look into the evidence, and you should consult a solicitor, although we fear that, having accepted their offer, it will be difficult for you to re-open the matter.

MIDDLE-AGE PENSION FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—X. Y. Z.—You are under no obligation to introduce new members, and you would be foolish to do so. The "National Old Age Pension Trust," which was to prove a national blessing, ended in disaster. If you are entitled to a pension from the "Middle Age," demand it forthwith, but do not pay them any further moneys.——DOUBTFUL.—Have nothing to do with the Society. We are amazed that the Government should permit Societies of this description to prey upon the credulity of the public. In due time, when we have a Business Government, a substantial statutory deposit for the protection of investors will be obligatory before business is permitted to commence, and all tables of benefits will have to be certified by a member of the Institute of Actuaries, who will also be required to make periodical valuations at short intervals. Other stringent regulations, but not prohibitive to sound business enterprise, will also be enacted.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING SOCIETY.—BLAKESTON.—The large number of complaints we have received respecting the difficulty of obtaining the withdrawal of money on deposit satisfies us that building societies, as a general rule, should not be selected for investment of savings. We have not a good opinion of this particular society. Leave it alone.

ROYAL LONDON.—E. H. (Eltham).—The company must not act arbitrarily so as to deprive you of the interest in the book you have purchased. The management appear to accept no responsibility, either as regards the sale or purchase of books, and we have previously referred to the moneylending transactions of the Central Investment Company, the shares of which are, we believe, held by representatives of the Royal London. You say that you have been asked to resign on the ground of insufficient new business being obtained, and that it has been suggested to you a buyer could be found who would pay a deposit of £15 provided you accept the balance in shares of the Central Investment Company.

EAST LONDON UNITED BUILDING SOCIETY.—T. G. L. (S. Devon).—An examination of the 29th annual balance sheet shows that the operations of this society are on an exceedingly small scale, and scarcely justifies our devoting space to its methods. The outlook for the payment of withdrawals at an early date is not encouraging.

LEGAL AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.—AUTUMNAL.—It is an office of good standing.

HORSHAM AND CRAWLEY PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.—G. M. (Bognor).—We are of opinion that you would not succeed in an action based on the words "good working order." You had better communicate with the liquidator and ascertain the present position of affairs, and what prospect there is of the whole or part of the money owing to you being paid, and how soon.

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE CO.—FAIRPLAY (Horsham).—Three members of your family having already insured the life of your father for "funeral expenses," you ask if it is legal for you also to apply for a similar policy. If the company elect to accept this further risk, we are not aware of any illegality in the procedure, and, so far as we know, a claim would be met on same arising.——ANXIOUS ONE.—We should advise you, in the circumstances, to explain the position in a letter to the Joint Managing Directors, at the Head Office. The situation is somewhat complicated owing to the investment being in the nature of a joint life policy.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.—F. B. (Birkenhead).—The withholding of the 30s. benefit merely on the ground of the change of name is extremely unjust and we should recommend you to bring the case to the notice of the Insurance Committee of your district.

INSURANCE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

Owing to the enormous number of enquiries we receive on Insurance matters, our readers will appreciate the difficulty which confronts us in giving prompt replies. Indeed, the congestion has become so great that we have decided to depart from the rule we have hitherto observed of replying only through this column, and to answer by post. Correspondents, therefore, who fail to find replies to their enquiries on this page may expect to hear from us by letter with as little delay as possible.

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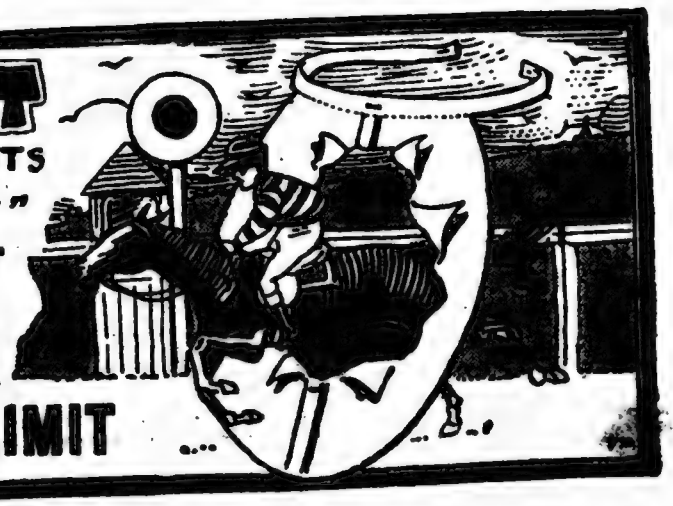

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One Thousand Pounds!

£2,600 IN PRIZES. BIGGEST

Christmas is coming—and to one at least of our readers it will be THE Christmas of a lifetime, for this week we offer, in the real Yuletide spirit, a mammoth "Bullets" Xmas Box of £1,000. For this week—and for this week only—we have increased our Premier prize to One Thousand Pounds. This enormous sum will be awarded for the best "Bullet" received for this week's Competition and the cheque will reach the happy winner one week before Christmas Day.

2ND PRIZE £100

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20 PRIZES OF £2-10-0 EACH

5,000 HANDSOME GIFTS!

Bullets can only be constructed from any of these 40 examples:—

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SPOONI G COUPLES
DRINKING WATER
JUSTICE DARLING

BEAUTY SHOWS
MUCH IN EVIDENCE
RASH SPECULATION
FOUND SMOKING
SPARE TIME EMPLOYMENT
UNDER REPAIR
NIGHT CAPS
ILLEGAL
ELECTION EGGS
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FINE FEATHERS
STRIKERS' GRIEVANCES
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GRAVE WARNING
MISERABLE SINNERS
GETTING LESS
HIRE PURCHASE
WINKING
LAST SHILLING

PLAYING TRUANT
EXTRAS
DANGEROUS AGE
WILFUL WASTE
KIND WORDS
UNPRINTABLE
BAD DREAM
STIRRING TIMES
THE LAST RACE
RED HOT

HOW TO MAKE BULLETS.

First choose any of our forty examples. Then give two words or three words having some bearing on the example chosen. The FIRST and LAST word selected MUST begin with ANY OF THE LETTERS in the example chosen. If three words are selected any word can be used as the middle word.

For instance, if you use the example "LANDLADY'S BILL," and take the letters "D" and "S," using the word "often" as the middle word, you can make the "Bullet" "SETTLEMENT OFTEN DELAYED." From the example "ELECTION EGGS," the "Bullet" "SELDOM ENJOYED" can be formed.

Again, if you choose the example "MUCH IN EVIDENCE," using the letter "M" as initial for both the first and last word, you can form the "Bullet" "MOTHER-IN-LAW—WHEN MARRIED."

Competitors may send in two BULLETS on one coupon for sixpence. But if both coupons are used a postal order for one shilling must be sent.

The ink will not run if the coupon is slightly warmed before being used.

Competitors can see The "Bullets" Judges at work at any time.

Closing date, Wednesday, December 3rd.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(61) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 839.

Signed _____

Address _____

A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

Not more than three words may be used to construct a Bullet.

This week's Bullets Coupons will also be found in "MARY BULL," dated December 6th.

Closing date, Wednesday, December 3rd.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(61) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 839.

Signed _____

Address _____

A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

If Both Coupons Are Used a Postal Order for 1/- Must Be Sent.

ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS NO. 61," "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.

Write "COMPETITION" on top left hand corner of Envelope.

The Result of this Competition will appear in our issue dated Dec. 20th. For Rules, etc., see opposite page.

XMAS-BOX "BULLETS"

For This Week Only!

FIRST £1000 PRIZE

OFFER EVER MADE! £2,600.

But this is not all—our second prize has been increased to £100 (One Hundred Pounds) and, in addition to over 1,000 OTHER CASH PRIZES, we shall award 5,000 handsome gifts and last but not least 250 fine plump Xmas Turkeys specially selected and of the highest quality—Thus a total of 6323 prizes are to be won this week—VALUE OVER £2,600—the biggest prize offer made by any paper, at any time.

50 PRIZES OF 10/s

1,000 PRIZES OF 2/6

2ND PRIZE £100

AND 250 XMAS TURKEYS.

RESULT OF 58TH BULLETS COMPETITION.

FIRST PRIZE OF £500:—

Mrs. K. M. BENNETT,
5, Highmoor Road, Caversham, Reading.

Example:—GOVERNMENT SECURITY.
Bullet:—RESTS ON SHAM-ROCK.

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:—

Mr. W. H. HAWSON,
5, Compton Walk, Southampton.

Example:—MARRIAGE.
Bullet:—ASKING "TWO" MUCH.

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:—

Mr. HARRY PAYNE,
40, Alexandra Road, Hornsey, N.

Example:—NIGHT DUTY.
Bullet:—TABLECLOTH OBLIGINGLY DEPUTISES.

20 PRIZEWINNERS of £5 Each.

Mr. F. ROUND, Glenthorne, West Hagley, Worcs.:
KILLJOYS—SCARCELY "EMPIRE" SUPPORTERS.

Mrs. A. R. FREEMAN, Beile Vue Barracks, Bradford, Yorks.:
GREEN STUFF—GETS "DISHED" EASILY.

Mr. R. MURRAY, 12, Clifford Road, Seacombe:
AROUSES SUSPICION—"SAFE" AND "SOUND."

Mr. A. MCDERMOTT, 138, Wentworth Buildings, Goulston Street, Aldgate, E.:
IRISH HOT—ORIGIN OF "SPEECHES."

Mr. S. SHARMAN, Stationmaster, Totteridge and Whetstone, Herts.:
MR. LLOYD GEORGE—ROLLING "IN" MONEY.

Mr. S. E. DAVIS, 7, Lumley Square, Hartlepool:
BEFORE AND AFTER—"REPARTEE" NOW "NAGGING."

Mr. F. BUTLER, South Avenue, Littleover, Derby:
BEFORE AND AFTER—RING—RATTLE.

Mr. V. MASON POOLEY, 83, Easton Road, New Ferry, Cheshire:
ALL SOUND—ON PAPER—"SYSTEMS."

Miss V. WHITE, 3, Southfield Road, Bedford Park, W.:
A HOT FAVOURITE—ONE WHO "ADVANCES."

Mrs. C. A. ROBERTS, Dalmeny, New Longton, nr. Preston.
CARRIES CONVICTION—"TAKING LIFE" SERIOUSLY.

Mr. J. SYKES, 2, Brightland Road, Old Town, Eastbourne:
AMONG THE PHEASANTS—SHOT AND SMELL.

Mr. O. R. MATHEW, 14, Cliff Road, Dovercourt:
MARRIAGE—A "LANDED" ESTATE.

Mr. W. ARCHBALD, 72, Fairlawn Street, Moss Side, Manchester:
KILLJOYS—STAMPED "UNAPPROVED" "SOCIETY."

Mr. A. J. AUSTEN, 6, Rose Hill, West Cliff, Ramsgate, Kent:
GOING UNDER—NIPPERS' CRUSTS—DINNER-TABLE.

Mr. T. B. DUROSE, 36, Chandos Avenue, Oakleigh Park, N.:
HEADS WIN—"IS HUMAN" "DERBY."

Mr. G. A. SEALEY, Staff E. District P.O., London E.:
MAKING TROUBLE—ENTERING QUEUE MIDWAY.

Mr. H. D. BRADBURY, 2, Osborne Grove, Light Cliffe, Halifax:
MR. LLOYD GEORGE—"RELIEVES THE DYING."

Mr. JAMES HARRIES, 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.:
THE ROYAL ROAD—TO POLITICS—AMBIGUITY.

Mr. CHAS. PARKER, 62, Cleveland Road, Southsea, Hants:
KILLJOYS—SQUEAL AT "KNOUT."

ERNEST BOYS, Walgrave, Northampton:
MARRIAGE—AFTER "PLUNGING," "REARING."

Selection from 50 10s. Prize Winners.

PARSONS, C., Y.M.C.A., Friar St., Reading.
PARTRIDGE, S. H., 91, Abbotsbury Road, Newton Abbot.
PILCH, I., 41, Boundary Rd., St. Helen's.
RAINS, R. H., 8, Endwell Road, Bexhill.
SCHOOLMAN, H. 110, Richmond Road, Earl's Court, S.W.
SIM, H. G., 125, Drakefield Rd. Balham, S.W.
SMITH, E. (Miss), 36, Royal Ave, Scarboro'.
STORY, J., 91, Kingscourt Rd., Streatham, S.W.
TAYLOR, G. E., Woodlea, The Avenue, Marton S.O., Yorks.
THOMAS, G., 39, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, W.

"BULLETS" RULES (*which must be strictly adhered to*).

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Editor, and his special staff of adjudicators, is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit. In deciding prizes, originality and aptness will be taken into account. The right to divide a prize or prizes among two or more competitors is reserved.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons on page 838 and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. Both coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed ——— & Co Competitors must write their names and addresses, and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Competitors sending more than one coupon may enclose one postal order for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. Stamps will not be accepted.

4. Coupons must not be defaced in any manner, or have portions another coupon pasted upon them.

5. Entries must reach us not later than the first post on the morning Wednesday, December 3rd.

6. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

7. The Editor's decision on any matter in dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry

No element of chance enters into the adjudication of our "Bullets" Competition. Every coupon is judged by TWO DIFFERENT Members of our special staff of Adjudicators, who have been elected by reason of their high qualification for this work. This staff put aside all coupons which they consider sufficiently meritorious to qualify for a prize. So that, before any coupon is rejected, TWO DIFFERENT Judges have to decide that it is not of sufficient merit to receive a prize. Then, all coupons selected are considered by the Competition Editor in consultation with the Judges. In this manner the coupons are reduced in number to correspond with the total number of prizes to be awarded. The Competition Editor, again in consultation with the Judges, next selects along the lines of outstanding merit. These are placed before the Editor, who, after consultation, decides finally the order of merit. This system of judging keeps the whole of the week—so thoroughly is the work done. We would point out that, by this system a large staff of Adjudicators continually occupied a BODY OF JUDGES IN of judging, no award is decided arbitrarily by one mind. It is only after a line has been considered sufficiently meritorious by a CONSULTATION, all of whom are specially qualified for the work, that it can receive a cash or any other prize. As regards the principal prizes, the coupons of outstanding merit are considered many times by the Editor, and also by the Competition Editor and the adjudication staff, in consultation, before the final awards are made. In a sentence, ALL coupons are read and considered, and re-read and re-considered by a specially selected staff of highly-qualified Adjudicators under the general supervision of an experienced Competition Expert—and in consultation with the Editor That is why "Bullets" constitute a genuine skill contest free from any and every element of arbitrary decision or of chance selection

Complete List of all cash and other Prize-winners in the above Competition can be seen at the "John Bull" Offices.

Racing Notes.

The campaign "over the sticks" seriously begins at Newbury and Kempton, each venue having two days.

Prophetic.

At Newbury to-day (Wednesday), F. Hunt's stable, at Winchester, should be worth following. He has

UNCLE SAM IV.

in the Findon Steeplechase, and this may be regarded as the best thing of the day, whilst BAGOTSTOWN, from the same stable, will nearly win the Berks Hurdle. EUGENIST may take the Open Steeplechase. To-morrow (Thursday),

CORTIGAN'S PRIDE*

for the Cranborne Steeplechase, it should prove the best thing of the week. The Irish mare is a very fine jumper. RED CLOUD looks good for the Andover Steeplechase.

At Kempton, on Friday, the best thing looks to be

MINSTREL PARK

for the Hurdle Handicap. VALENTINE MAHER looks well in the Two Mile Maiden Steeplechase, as does LORD RIVERS in the Uxbridge Steeplechase. On Saturday,

BLOCKADE RUNNER

should prove worth support in the Middlesex Steeplechase. MELAMAR may win the Richmond Steeplechase.

As already stated in this column, our Editor's colours will be seen a good deal during the jumping season, and his horses—especially in selling races—should be followed. In this connection, SILVER CHERRY, GUADELOUPE and BOUTON ROUGE may all gain winning brackets during the present week; whilst BUNCH O' KEYS has a tempting appearance at Kempton.

A LUCERNE CHURCH LOTTERY.

Mr. Diamond, having relinquished sweepstake business for the present year, has, with characteristic public spirit, decided to give a helping hand to a local lottery for the benefit of St. Paul's Church (Lucerne), and has announced that not only will all tickets be distributed amongst his own English customers, but that the whole of his commission will be given over to the Welsh Colliery Disaster Fund, he personally defraying the whole of the expenses. Bravo, Diamond!

THE TOTALISATOR (LUCERNE).

The draw for the Manchester November Handicap Sweep, conducted by this well-known firm, who guaranteed prize money to the extent of £3,000, took place at Lucerne on Tuesday of last week, and, as we have already announced, our representative was present. As a matter of fact, he supervised the Draw, and from the report which has reached us we are thoroughly satisfied of its absolute fairness.

SPORTING REPLIES.

The names and addresses of correspondents must be enclosed, not, of course, for publication, but in token of good faith.

"JOHN BULL" FOOTBALL CUP SWEEP.—T. W. (Wolverhampton).—The Sweep, of course, is perfectly genuine, but you should satisfy yourself that the counterfoil for which you pay is forwarded to Geneva. Otherwise you will not, of course, participate in the Draw.——TOMBOLA.—Of course, Messrs. Smallman and Terry are "straight folk." As a matter of fact, they are a firm of considerable standing and resources. We dealt fully in our issue of October 18 with the circumstances in which the "John Bull" Football Cup Sweep was placed in their hands.——ROBIN (Bolton).—The result of the Draw will appear in our issue of January 10.——A. J. A. (Solihull).—Perfectly genuine.——T. S. S. (Islington).—The reply to your inquiry is in the affirmative.

PATRICK O'BRIEN'S SWEEPSTAKES.—C. L. (Ealing), AND OTHERS.—As already announced, we believe these will be confined during 1914 to the Grand National, Stewards' Cup and Cesarewitch, but we are not in a position to state at present the exact amount of the guaranteed prize money. We believe, however, it will be £10,000 in each case. You should communicate direct with Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Lucerne, Switzerland.

"JOHN BULL" DERBY SWEEP, 1914.—PUNTER (Leeds), AND OTHERS.—Beyond the fact that £50,000 will be distributed in prizes, we cannot at the moment give any further information, and must refer you to Messrs. Smallman and Terry, Geneva, Switzerland, who, as announced by us last week, will have the management of the Sweep.

ALFRED H. MAURICE (Birsfelden).—INQUIRER, DON, AND OTHERS.—We are in a position to state that Mr. Alfred H. Maurice, who is running the Empire Sweepstakes from Birsfelden, Switzerland, is guaranteed by Mr. David Cope, of 16, Tudor Street, E.C., a member of the Turf Guardian Society, National Sporting League and the principal London clubs, who has been in business as a turf accountant for over twenty years, and who, we are sure, can always be relied upon to meet his liabilities.

H. DIAMOND (Lucerne).—F. B. D. (Dulwich), AND OTHERS.—Once more we say that we are not concerned with the opinions expressed by any other journal. We have satisfied ourselves that Mr. Diamond's sweepstakes are honest.——P. C. M. (Bedford Row).—You would, of course, be entitled to whatever prizes your tickets drew.——J. F. S. (Cheltenham).—We feel sure that Mr. Diamond has acted in a perfectly honourable manner, and you may rely upon his statement that the numbers were included in the Draw.

ALBION BANK (Basle).—PRO BONO PUBLICO.—We note that you are unable to get your winnings from these people, against whom we have so often warned our readers. It is merely an alias for the notorious Dutchman, de Paauw.

"SPORTING ECHO" (Birsfelden).—J. A. (Chorley).—Have nothing to do with this.

EDWIN JAMES (Binningen).—H. B. (Ryde).—We have no recent information.

BRITISH INVESTMENT AGENCY (Geneva).—CWMBO.—We do not advise.

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Football Selections from the Principal Papers.

Matches to be played Saturday, 29th November, 1913.

In view of the enormous interest now taken in the competitions conducted by numerous papers, the following table of selections compiled from the principal football authorities will be found to be an extremely useful guide—

	Matches played on ground of first-named team.	Last Season's Result.	JOHN BULL	The Umpire.	News of the World.	Weekly Dispatch.	Competitors Guide.	Sunday Chron cle.	Sporting Gossip.	Lotting's Weekly.
1ST LEAGUE	Bolton W. v. Blackburn R. ..	Draw	Away	Draw	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Away	Home
	Burnley v. Sheffield U.	No match	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Chelsea v. Bradford City	Bradford won	Draw	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Away
	Liverpool v. Tottenham H. ..	Liverpool won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Away	Home	Home
	Manchester United v. Derby Co.	Manchester U. won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Newcastle U. v. Aston V. ..	Aston Villa won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Draw
	Oldham A. v. Manchester C. ..	Oldham won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Preston North End v. Middlesbrough	No match	Away	Home	Home	Home	Home	Away	Away	Home
	Sheffield W. v. Sunderland ..	Sunderland won	Draw	Draw	Home	Away	Away	Away	Away	Away
	W. Bromwich A. v. Everton ..	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home
	Birmingham v. Grimsby Town ..	Birmingham won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Bradford v. Bury	Bradford won	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Draw	Home
	Bristol C. v. Woolwich A. ..	No match	Home	Draw	Draw	Home	Draw	Away	Home	Home
	Clapton Orient v. Blackpool ..	Clapton won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Leeds City v. Notts Forest ..	Leeds City won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Leicester F. v. Hull City ..	Leicester F. won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Notts C. v. Barnsley ..	No match	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Wolverhampton W. v. Fulham ..	Wolverhampton won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home
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SOUTHERN LEAGUE	Brighton & H. .. Bristol Rovers	Brighton won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Northampton v. West Ham U. ..	Northampton won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Portsmouth v. Swindon Town ..	Swindon won	Home	Away	Draw	Home	Draw	Away	Away	Away
	Exeter City v. Queen's Pk. R. ..	Exeter won	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Away	Away
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„ 6th - „ (no tens predicted) 38 nines gained **£6 11s. 6d.**

The above results—no tens for two successive contests—constitute a record for Continental Competitions.

Sept.	13th	Contest	2	tens gained	£125 0s. 0d.
„	20th	„	5	„ „	£50 0s. 0d.
„	27th	„	117	„ „	£2 2s. 8d.
Oct.	4th.	„	53	„ „	£4 14s. 4d.
„	11th.	„	8	„ „	£31 5s. 0d.
„	18th.	„	41	„ „	£6 1s. 11d.
„	25th.	„	2	„ „	£125 0s. 0d.

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SHORT SHEET FOR NOVEMBER 29TH. Teams

Liverpool	v.	Tottenham
Preston N. E.	v.	Middlesbrough
Sheffield Wed.	v.	Sunderland
Chelsea	v.	Bradford City
Portsmouth	v.	Swindon
Airdrieonians	v.	Celtic
Clyde	v.	Rangers.
Kilmarnock	v.	Dundee
Motherwell	v.	Falkirk
Queen's Park	v.	Third Lanark

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Winner (£1500) paid to Miss W. M. Everitt, 7, Admiralty Rd, Portsmouth.

2nd (£250) paid to G. Everitt, 158, Horseferry Road, London.

3rd Horse (£150) paid to C. R. Morton, 30, Lowfield Rd., W. Hampstead, N.W.

Each of the following subscribers who drew one of the 53 horses entered for the race received a prize:—

Aleppo	765183	Entebbe	605423	October	290248
Arizona Beau	30523	Equanimity	517733	Onze	245209
At Last	56053	Fantasio	462794	Oselle	216613
Auctioneering	513433	Farakabad	214987	Pollen	835788
Aurette	461916	Fort	510687	Prairie Fire	831602
Bowman	429152	Guller, The	219273	Print	57985
Candytuft	766559	Hare Hill	79300	Rivoli	528595
Cheerful	437959	Hidalgo	316044	Sailaway	95501
Columbus	634076	Kermans	776800	Sandwort	529096
Crown Jewel	386939	Kleinfontein	38049	Short Grass	478841
Curragh, The	756145	King Midas	425450	Simon the Jester	91045
Cylba	692359	Kingsborough	235966	St. Melruan	176506
Cyllene More	619213	Lady Eileen	295501	Talana Hill	599471
Dalmatian	357340	Lancaster	585145	Theocrite	417341
Donnithorne	176625	Last Stand	548519	Ultimus	221435
Early Hope	34772	Lichen	660098	Wagstaff	81782
Election	299485	Maiden Erlegh	44557	Wisemae	447008
		Major Symons	24831	Workgirl	832515

Each of the following 100 subscribers received a £5 consolation prize:—

48794 172892 790590 790587 575461 565917 478057 25115 841134 68051 671604
81812 55641 159842 282974 779648 758174 08399 556396 252908 331082 809107
75997 586355 838389 730493 07502 77280 39489 39490 82285 39192 61262
841091 481596 758175 574217 369593 28164 831184 120838 208681 691464 647583
236749 528952 04963 90539 40584 172167 544453 804395 535635 804385 811727
143821 814204 099212 118830 246373 254048 132337 22617 422279 429049 497488
682596 108694 187392 22637 09293 499692 77042 515389 771226 771225 668695
83542 738796 359021 174997 574414 837813 561026 817413 552061 815707 753606
94752 359543 28292 63439 794179 47054 77051 842382 369574 155495 155594
15258

Each of the following 100 numbers received a £2 consolation prize:—

01365 85261 357644 757310 327919 394666 839844 406784 520660 123662 768661
20334 740155 74197 541507 734227 91441 293005 74198 418492 680731 826007
53220 605409 360263 574069 832008 720021 215425 442211 788137 108867 54946
272028 379076 841884 169381 840384 51097 832220 185956 49070 842463 39299
600549 398631 92461 464183 705783 533714 96308 444133 37497 312414 37791
555121 37222 274462 74674 37143 06530 91583 263628 838755 313821 197631
246839 01269 417103 316027 345986 841504 369959 392421 307792 840565 292997
417390 105432 606052 760802 461961 56978 357645 756791 282973 670293 155854
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Other Starters divided £200. Non-Starters divided £200. Hundred £5 Consolation Prizes also 100 £2 Consolation Prizes. Total £3,000.

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Racing Notes.

The campaign "over the sticks" seriously begins at Newbury and Kempton, each venue having two days.

Prophetic.

At Newbury to-day (Wednesday), F. Hunt's stable, at Winchester, should be worth following. He has

UNCLE SAM IV.

in the Findon Steeplechase, and this may be regarded as the best thing of the day, whilst BAGOTSTOWN, from the same stable, will nearly win the Berks Hurdle. EUGENIST may take the Open Steeplechase. To-morrow (Thursday),

CORTIGAN'S PRIDE*

for the Cranborne Steeplechase, it should prove the best thing of the week. The Irish mare is a very fine jumper. RED CLOUD looks good for the Andover Steeplechase.

At Kempton, on Friday, the best thing looks to be

MINSTREL PARK

for the Hurdle Handicap. VALENTINE MAHER looks well in the Two Mile Maiden Steeplechase, as does LORD RIVERS in the Uxbridge Steeplechase. On Saturday,

BLOCKADE RUNNER

should prove worth support in the Middlesex Steeplechase. MELAMAR may win the Richmond Steeplechase.

As already stated in this column, our Editor's colours will be seen a good deal during the jumping season, and his horses—especially in selling races—should be followed. In this connection, SILVER CHERRY, GUADELOUPE and BOUTON ROUGE may all gain winning brackets during the present week; whilst BUNCH O' KEYS has a tempting appearance at Kempton.

A LUCERNE CHURCH LOTTERY.

Mr. Diamond, having relinquished sweepstake business for the present year, has, with characteristic public spirit, decided to give a helping hand to a local lottery for the benefit of St. Paul's Church (Lucerne), and has announced that not only will all tickets be distributed amongst his own English customers, but that the whole of his commission will be given over to the Welsh Colliery Disaster Fund, he personally defraying the whole of the expenses. Bravo, Diamond!

THE TOTALISATOR (LUCERNE).

The draw for the Manchester November Handicap Sweep, conducted by this well-known firm, who guaranteed prize money to the extent of £3,000, took place at Lucerne on Tuesday of last week, and, as we have already announced, our representative was present. As a matter of fact, he supervised the Draw, and from the report which has reached us we are thoroughly satisfied of its absolute fairness.

SPORTING REPLIES.

The names and addresses of correspondents must be enclosed, not, of course, for publication, but in token of good faith.

"JOHN BULL" FOOTBALL CUP SWEEP.—T. W. (Wolverhampton).—The Sweep, of course, is perfectly genuine, but you should satisfy yourself that the counterfoil for which you pay is forwarded to Geneva. Otherwise you will not, of course, participate in the Draw.——TOMBOLA.—Of course, Messrs. Smallman and Terry are "straight folk." As a matter of fact, they are a firm of considerable standing and resources. We dealt fully in our issue of October 18 with the circumstances in which the "John Bull" Football Cup Sweep was placed in their hands.——ROBIN (Bolton).—The result of the Draw will appear in our issue of January 10.——A. J. A. (Solihull).—Perfectly genuine.——T. S. S. (Islington).—The reply to your inquiry is in the affirmative.

PATRICK O'BRIEN'S SWEEPSTAKES.—C. L. (Ealing), AND OTHERS.—As already announced, we believe these will be confined during 1914 to the Grand National, Stewards' Cup and Cesarewitch, but we are not in a position to state at present the exact amount of the guaranteed prize money. We believe, however, it will be £10,000 in each case. You should communicate direct with Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Lucerne, Switzerland.

"JOHN BULL" DERBY SWEEP, 1914.—PUNTER (Leeds), AND OTHERS.—Beyond the fact that £50,000 will be distributed in prizes, we cannot at the moment give any further information, and must refer you to Messrs. Smallman and Terry, Geneva, Switzerland, who, as announced by us last week, will have the management of the Sweep.

ALFRED H. MAURICE (Birsfelden).—INQUIRER, DON, AND OTHERS.—We are in a position to state that Mr. Alfred H. Maurice, who is running the Empire Sweepstakes from Birsfelden, Switzerland, is guaranteed by Mr. David Cope, of 16, Tudor Street, E.C., a member of the Turf Guardian Society, National Sporting League and the principal London clubs, who has been in business as a turf accountant for over twenty years, and who, we are sure, can always be relied upon to meet his liabilities.

H. DIAMOND (Lucerne).—F. B. D. (Dulwich), AND OTHERS.—Once more we say that we are not concerned with the opinions expressed by any other journal. We have satisfied ourselves that Mr. Diamond's sweepstakes are honest.——P. C. M. (Bedford Row).—You would, of course, be entitled to whatever prizes your tickets drew.——J. F. S. (Cheltenham).—We feel sure that Mr. Diamond has acted in a perfectly honourable manner, and you may rely upon his statement that the numbers were included in the Draw.

ALBION BANK (Basle).—PRO BONO PUBLICO.—We note that you are unable to get your winnings from these people, against whom we have so often warned our readers. It is merely an alias for the notorious Dutchman, de Paauw.

"SPORTING ECHO" (Birsfelden).—J. A. (Chorley).—Have nothing to do with this.

EDWIN JAMES (Binningen).—H. B. (Ryde).—We have no recent information.

BRITISH INVESTMENT AGENCY (Geneva).—CWMRO.—We do not advise.

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Football Selections from the Principal Papers.

Matches to be played Saturday, 29th November, 1913.

In view of the enormous interest now taken in the competitions conducted by numerous papers, the following table of selections compiled from the principal football authorities will be found to be an extremely useful guide—

	Matches played on ground of first-named team.	Last Season's Result.	JOHN BULL	The Umpire.	News of the World.	Weekly Dispatch.	Competitors Guide.	Sunday Chronicle.	Sporting Gossip.	Lotting's Weekly.
FIRST LEAGUE	Bolton W. v. Blackburn R. ..	Draw	Away	Draw	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Away	Home
	Burnley v. Sheffield U.	No match	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Away
	Chelsea v. Bradford City	Bradford won	Draw	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home
	Liverpool v. Tottenham H. ..	Liverpool won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Away	Home	Home
	Manchester United v. Derby Co.	Manchester U. won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home
	Newcastle U. v. Aston V. ..	Aston Villa won	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Draw	Home	Home
	Oldham A. v. Manchester C. ..	Oldham won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Away	Home
	Preston North End v. Middlesbrough	No match	Away	Home	Home	Home	Away	Away	Away	Away
	Sheffield W. v. Sunderland ..	Sunderland won	Draw	Draw	Home	Away	Away	Away	Home	Home
	W. Bromwich A. v. Everton ..	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home
SECOND LEAGUE	Birmingham v. Grimsby Town ..	Birmingham won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Bradford v. Bury	Bradford won	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Draw	Home
	Bristol C. v. Woolwich A. ..	No match	Home	Draw	Draw	Home	Draw	Away	Home	Home
	Clapton Orient v. Blackpool ..	Clapton won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Leeds City v. Notts Forest ..	Leeds City won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Leicester F. v. Hull City ..	Leicester F. won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Notts C. v. Barnsley ..	No match	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Wolverhampton W. v. Fulham ..	Wolverhampton won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home
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SOUTHERN LEAGUE	Brighton & H. .. Bristol Rovers	Brighton won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Northampton v. West Ham U. ..	Northampton won	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Portsmouth v. Swindon Town ..	Swindon won	Home	Away	Draw	Home	Draw	Away	Away	Away
	Exeter City v. Queen's Pk. R. ..	Exeter won	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Away	Away
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Sept.	13th	Contest	2	tens gained	£125 0s. 0d.
„	20th	„	5	„ „	£50 0s. 0d.
„	27th	„	117	„ „	£2 2s. 8d.
Oct.	4th.	„	53	„ „	£4 14s. 4d.
„	11th.	„	8	„ „	£31 5s. 0d.
„	18th.	„	41	„ „	£6 1s. 11d.
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Arizona Beau 30523	Equanimity 517733	Onze.....245209
At Last 56053	Fantasio 462794	Oselle 216613
Auctioneering 513433	Farakabad.....214987	Pollen.....835788
Aurette 461916	Fort 510687	Prairie Fire 831602
Bowman 429152	Guller, The 219273	Print 57985
Candytuft.....766559	Hare Hill 79300	Rivoli 528595
Cheerful 437959	Hidalgo.....316044	Sailaway 95501
Columbus 634076	Kermans.....776800	Sandwort 529096
Crown Jewel.....386939	Kleinfontein..... 38049	Short Grass 478841
Curragh, The 756145	King Midas 425490	Simon the Jester.. 91045
Cylba 692359	Kingsborough 235966	St. Melruan 176506
Cyllene More 619213	Lady Eileen 295501	Talana Hill.....599471
Dalmatian 357340	Lancaster 585145	Theocrite 417341
Donnithorne 176625	Last Stand.....548519	Ultimus 221435
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Election 299485	Maiden Erlegh 44557	Wisemae 447008
	Major Symons..... 24831	Workgirl 832515

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75997 586355 838389 730493 07502 77280 39489 39490 82285 39192 61262
841091 481596 758175 574217 369593 28164 831184 120838 208681 691464 647583
236749 528952 04963 90539 40584 172167 544453 804395 535635 804385 811727
143821 814204 099212 118830 246373 254048 132337 22617 422279 429049 497488
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83542 738796 359021 174997 574414 837813 561026 817413 552061 815707 753606
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Preston N. E.	v.	Middlesbrough
Sheffield Wed.	v.	Sunderland
Chelsea	v.	Bradford City
Portsmouth	v.	Swindon
Airdrieonians	v.	Celtic
Clyde	v.	Rangers.
Kilmarnock	v.	Dundee
Motherwell	v.	Falkirk
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